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COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Truce Offer

It must not be taken for granted that General Nam II's cold reception of the new Allied Korea truce offer represents an outright rejection. The proposals are couched in such a way as to demand more than the cursory examination given to them in the negotiating tent at Panmunjom by the leader of the Communist delegation. General Nam II can be expected to transmit the offer to Peking, and it is probable that high level Soviet opinion will also be sought. The 10-day adjournment of negotiations at Panmunjom is obviously intended to give the Communists opportunity for considered study of the UN offer, allied with the hope that the Reds will either find themselves able to accept the formula as it stands, or submit an acceptable variation. The essence of the Allied proposal is that while preserving the principle of non-forcible repatriation of prisoners of war, it goes a long way towards meeting the objections which the Communists have raised to earlier UN proposals for settling the issue.

THE latest proposition is to do away with the counting of heads and to have all prisoners of war released in neutral territory from where they can make their way of their own free will to whatever part of Korea they desire. This condition satisfies the Communists' demand for the release of all POWs held by the United Nations, without violating the UN principle of free-will repatriation. It is noteworthy that the Communists are offered three different methods of putting the proposal into practical effect, and it has been made clear to them that whichever of the three they prefer will be acceptable to the United Nations. This invitation to the Communists to end the deadlock in the truce negotiations is one which cannot lightly be dismissed without incurring the stigma of wilful intransigence and obstructionism. It is, furthermore, yet another opportunity for the Communists to indicate the sincerity of their repeatedly expressed desire to make an armistice a reality.

Bevan Wins Cheers At Labour Conference

Eisenhower To Tell All

New York, Sept. 29. General Eisenhower, the Republican candidate for the American presidency, announced today that he will make public his entire financial situation.

He thus accepted an implied challenge from Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate, to disclose the details of his finances.

The announcement from Eisenhower's headquarters gave no indication when his statement would be released, but a spokesman said he did not expect it before Eisenhower's departure for South Carolina.—Reuter.

HAUNTED WELL

Three Men Die

Karachi, Sept. 28. Three men were today reported to have died in a well near Hyderabad Sind, which villagers believe is haunted by the ghost of a girl who threw herself into it two centuries ago to escape the advances of the local landlord.

The well has remained unused since, but eight villagers decided to end the mystery by cleaning it out.

Three were lowered on ropes, but their companions reported that as soon as they reached half way, a dazzling light was seen at the bottom of the well.

The men lost their hold and fell into the water.

Three more villagers went to their rescue, but were hauled out unconscious, that as soon as they reached the half-way mark they felt themselves being "slapped by an invisible hand" and lost their senses.

The bodies of the first three have not yet been found.—Reuter.

Vysinsky Will Head Delegation

Moscow, Sept. 29. Mr. Andre Vysinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will go to New York to head the Soviet delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, it was learned today.

The Assembly meets on October 14.—Reuter.

Plane Explodes

London, Sept. 29. A Meteor plane of the Royal Air Force exploded in the air and crashed near Swaby in Northern Yorkshire today. The pilot was killed.—France-Press.

Bevan Wins Cheers At Labour Conference

A PERSONAL TRIUMPH

Emphasises Danger Of Unemployment

Morecambe, Sept. 29. Mr Aneurin Bevan, Socialist rebel, scored a big personal triumph with a speech on unemployment on the opening of the Labour Party's annual conference here today. The Welsh firebrand, whose conflict over arms policy with the party's official leaders is likely to come to a showdown this week, was thunderously cheered by the 1,200 delegates.

Mr Bevan made his mark today without directly introducing any of the controversies now dividing him from the party's "old guard."

But he repeatedly made jocular references to the disputed issues.

There was a burst of laughter when the Welshman told the audience "I am not arguing about the arms question — that will come later in the week."

Warning his hearers of Britain's serious economic situation, he said: "We are told the United States is a living monument to the success of competitive capitalism."

"The fact is that, at present American industry is being kept at full speed by the biggest piece of public enterprise it has ever undertaken—a big arms programme."

Mr Bevan said the Conservative Government was now pressing for Britain to balance her overseas payments by making arms for her allies.

"For God's sake let us look at this thing more carefully," he declared. "If American peace products are going into world markets and we are providing from our own industries war products, then we will be tied up in our economy with a perpetual war machine."

Amid loud applause Mr Bevan barked out: "This is rank progress."

TWO FEARS

Mr Bevan went on: "America is very rich, has great wealth and productive capacity. If wealth and productive capacity could get rid of fear America would be the most tranquil country in the world. But on the contrary, America is haggard ridden by two fears—the fear of war and of unemployment, which is the fear of peace."

Mr Bevan said he was prevented in modern society, it could be done only by Socialist planning.

Mr Bevan added: "We shall have to try to secure that the German workers enjoy social standards that do not make their labour competitive with ours—and that does not mean backing Krupp."

"The same thing is true of Japan. We shall have to make sure that Japanese cheap labour does not enable them to undermine textile labour in the markets of the world."

Mr Bevan said: "Economists, bankers and industrialists in America are frightened of the industrial consequences of letting up on a vast rearmament drive because there is no socialist planning in America to dispose of the surpluses when they arise."

Mr Bevan, repeatedly applauded, said: "I think we are agreed that if there is one thing we are not prepared to do it is to give up our permanent peacetime markets to our competitors for temporary wartime markets."

"If we are to safeguard employment we have to be completely about it and say that we can only safeguard employment by socialist planning in Britain and other parts of the world."

CRITICAL SITUATION

He added: "Britain is in a critical situation. In 1945 we faced up to it and we can face up to it again but only by recapturing the purpose that we had in 1945, only by realising that socialist planning at home, socialist planning throughout the Commonwealth, socialist planning in Europe, is the basis of our future."

IN UPROAR

During the conference was plunged into an uproar by a local Labour Party resolution demanding that the next Labour government should re-nationalise industries freed from socialist planning throughout the Commonwealth, socialist planning in Europe, is the basis of our future.

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Waiting For "Invaders"



Members of the Bornholm Home Guard in guerilla warfare, await the enemy's approach from the sea in the Bornholm area during "Exercise Mainbrace" which last week was carried out in the North Sea and the Baltic.—London Express.

Britons Reported To Be Safe

Moscow, Sept. 29. Captain Vyvyan Holt, former British Minister to South Korea, interned since the outbreak of the Korean war, has sent a message to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, saying that he is in good health, the British Embassy said here today.

The Embassy said: They had received the message for transmission to Mr Eden.

They had also received message from Mr G. Blake, former Vice-Consul in Korea, Mr Norman Philip-Owen, former member of the Consular staff in South Korea, and the British journalist, Mr Philip Deane, saying that they also were in good health.

All were interned by the North Koreans. Captain Holt's message was the first from him for a year, the Embassy said.

A British Embassy spokesman here said, Captain Holt's message had been received from the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which transmitted it at the request of the North Korean Embassy in Moscow.

The message was written by typewriter and had no indications to show when and where it was written and when it had been received in Moscow.—Reuter.

Artist Convict Disappears

Bismarck, Dakota, Sept. 29. An artist, John Harry Allen, who disappeared from the North Dakota penitentiary on Friday, may be hiding within the prison walls, it was believed today.

The Warden, Mr O. J. Nygaard, said that guards searched the prison for the fifth time on Sunday and that Allen might be in an extensive tunnel beneath the institution.

Allen will have to show himself soon if he is within the walls, Mr Nygaard said, as he would have no way of getting food.

Allen had previously escaped from prison in Alabama, Tennessee and Kansas, and from a jail in Pocatello, Idaho.—United Press.

Naguib Criticises British War Minister

'UNFORTUNATE' STATEMENTS

Cairo, Sept. 29. The Egyptian Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, today criticised Brigadier Anthony Head, British War Minister, for recent statements on Britain's military base in the Suez Canal zone.

In Fayid last week, Brigadier Head said that if Britain were without the base, it would be "a loss but not an irretrievable one."

His statement was criticised in the British Press, and when he returned to Britain a few days later the Brigadier said at London airport: "To have a base in Egypt is absolutely vital strategically."

He added: "There is no substantial credit for the Egyptian government to buy arms and ammunition in Britain for its Army and Air Force."

He said the British government appeared to be willing to supply arms that could be made readily available to Egypt.—United Press.

MOSSADEGH TO GET HIS REPLY

London, Sept. 29. Britain intends to reply to the latest Persian proposals for settlement of the oil dispute within the 10-day limit imposed by the Persian Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, it was learned from a usually well informed source today.

The time limit expires next Saturday, October 4. It was not accompanied by a threat to break off diplomatic relations.

Britain is exchanging views with the United States about the form of the reply. It is expected here that the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and President Truman will make a joint answer to the note that Dr Mossadegh addressed to them jointly last week.

UNWELCOME REPORTS

Officials here strongly criticised Press reports which suggested that Britain would welcome the intervention of a private intermediary to settle oil production and marketing problems with Persia.

The Foreign Office has carefully abstained from criticising the activities of the American oil magnate, Mr William Alton Jones, who recently visited Mosaden at the invitation of Mossadegh, but there is no disposition on the part of the British authorities to make any move which would cut out the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The real stumbling block in the proposals made last week by Mossadegh is seen to be the demand for £40 million in convertible currency. Some surprise has been expressed here that Mossadegh at no point referred to the American offer of \$10 million contained in the Anglo-American proposals lodged on August 30.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE SHIP LOST

Paris, Sept. 29. It was learned here that the Joao Costa, which was lost in the Atlantic off the coast of Spain, was a large Portuguese cod fishing boat and that she sank 50 miles north of the Azores.

American and Portuguese planes have been sent out to search for survivors. The ship was reported to have been carrying a complement of 20 of whom 12 have been picked up in lifeboats.

A further message from the American ship Compass said that she had engine trouble and had been obliged to interrupt her search.—France-Press.

Eddie Cantor Collapses

Hollywood, Sept. 29. The comedian Eddie Cantor went to hospital today and was ordered to remain in bed for a week. He had collapsed a few hours after he completed his first television show of the autumn season.

Cantor, 69, went through an hour-long show last night with a zip that drew an ovation from the studio audience. But two hours later he was taken to the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

His physician, Dr Julius Kahn, said an examination indicated that Cantor was the victim of "complete exhaustion." He said he considered the comedian's condition good, but ordered him to stay in bed at the hospital.

Cantor had been scheduled to depart tomorrow on a tour to promote the bonds for Israel programme.—United Press.

Demonstration At Cemetery

Brussels, Sept. 29. A crowd of 500 Flemings today pushed aside three policemen and broke into a cemetery near here to attend a ceremony at the tomb of a Flemish nationalist leader, executed as a collaborator during the war.

A woman was slightly injured in the clash between the demonstrators and the police.—Reuter.

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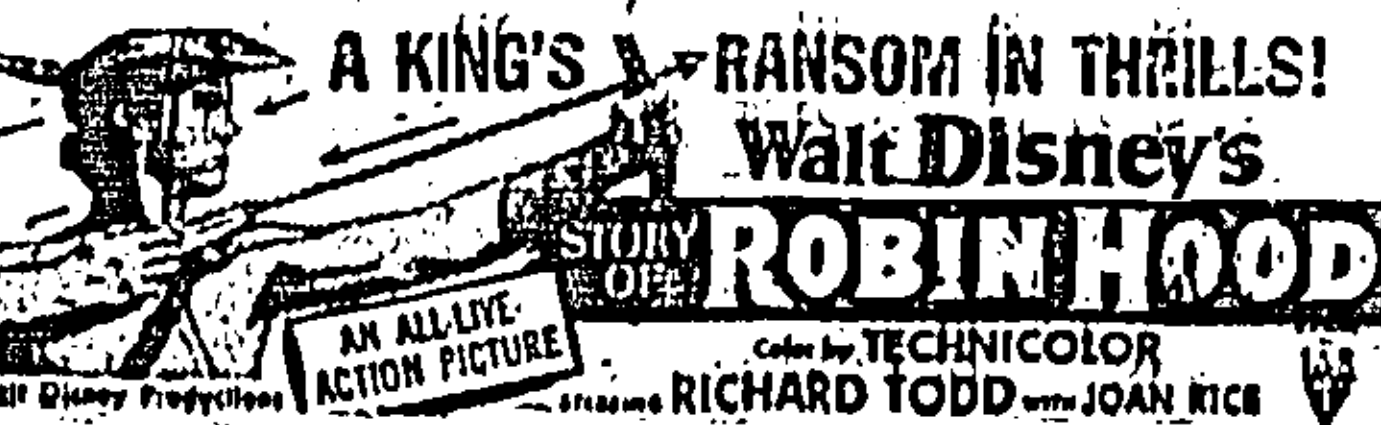
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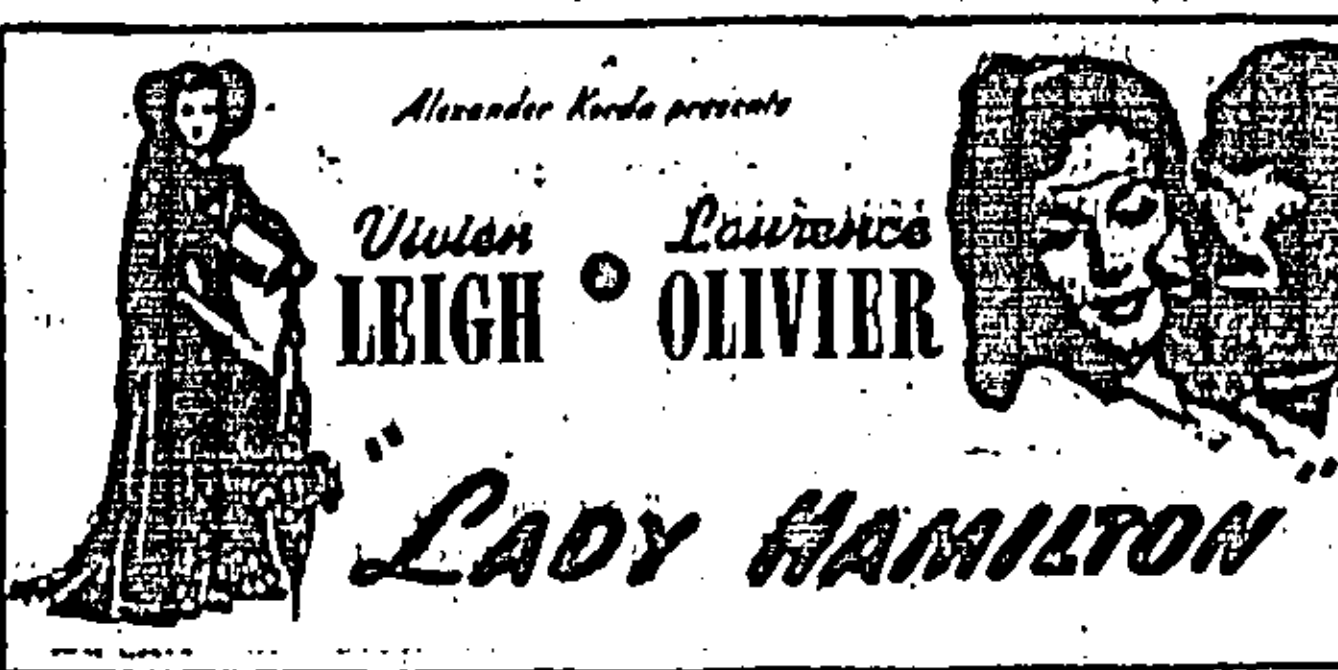


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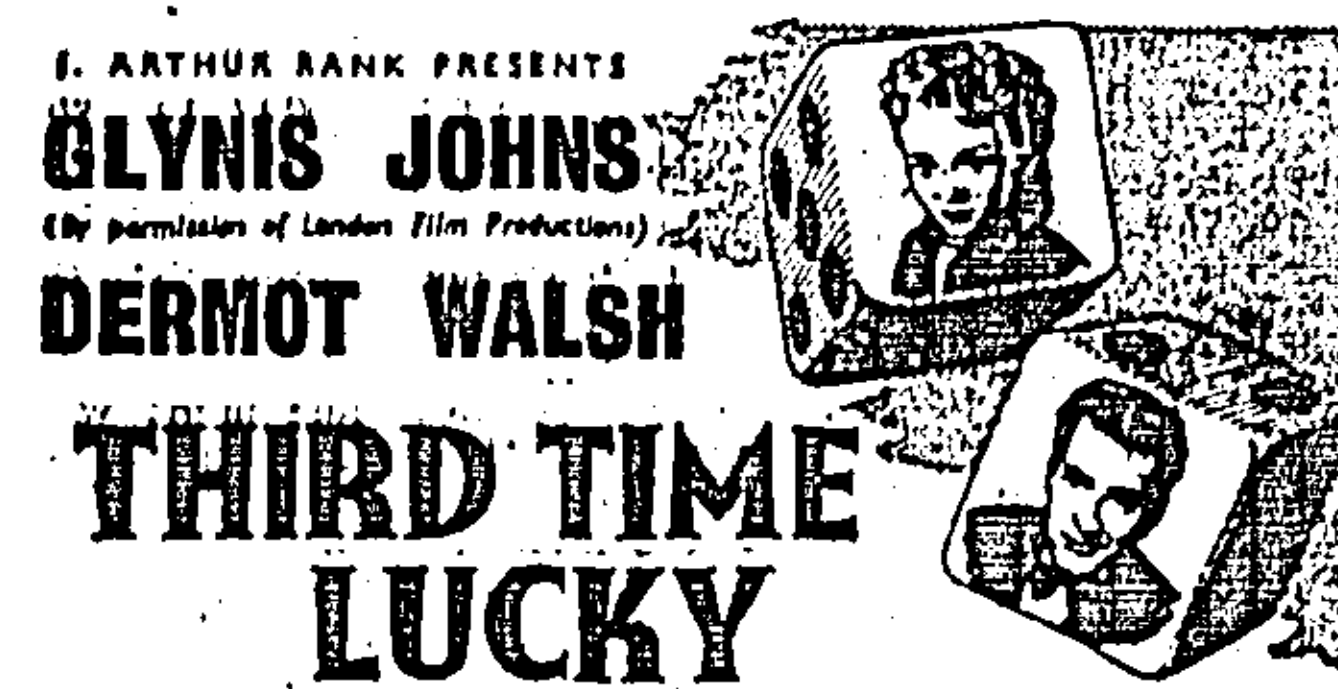


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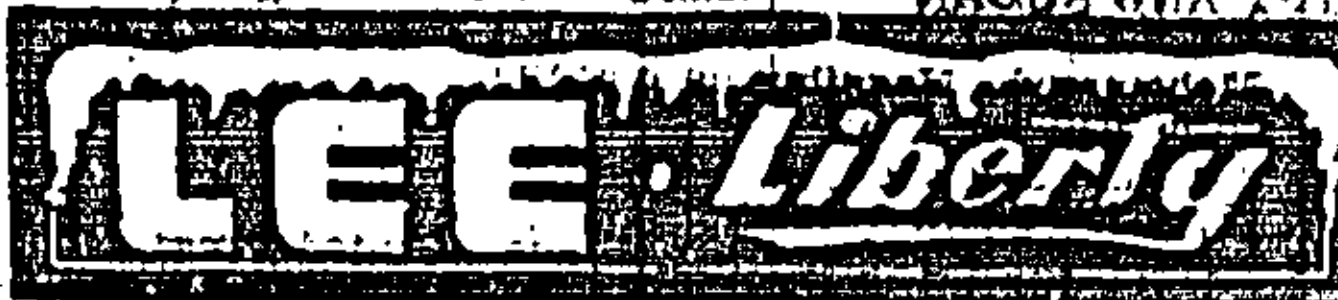
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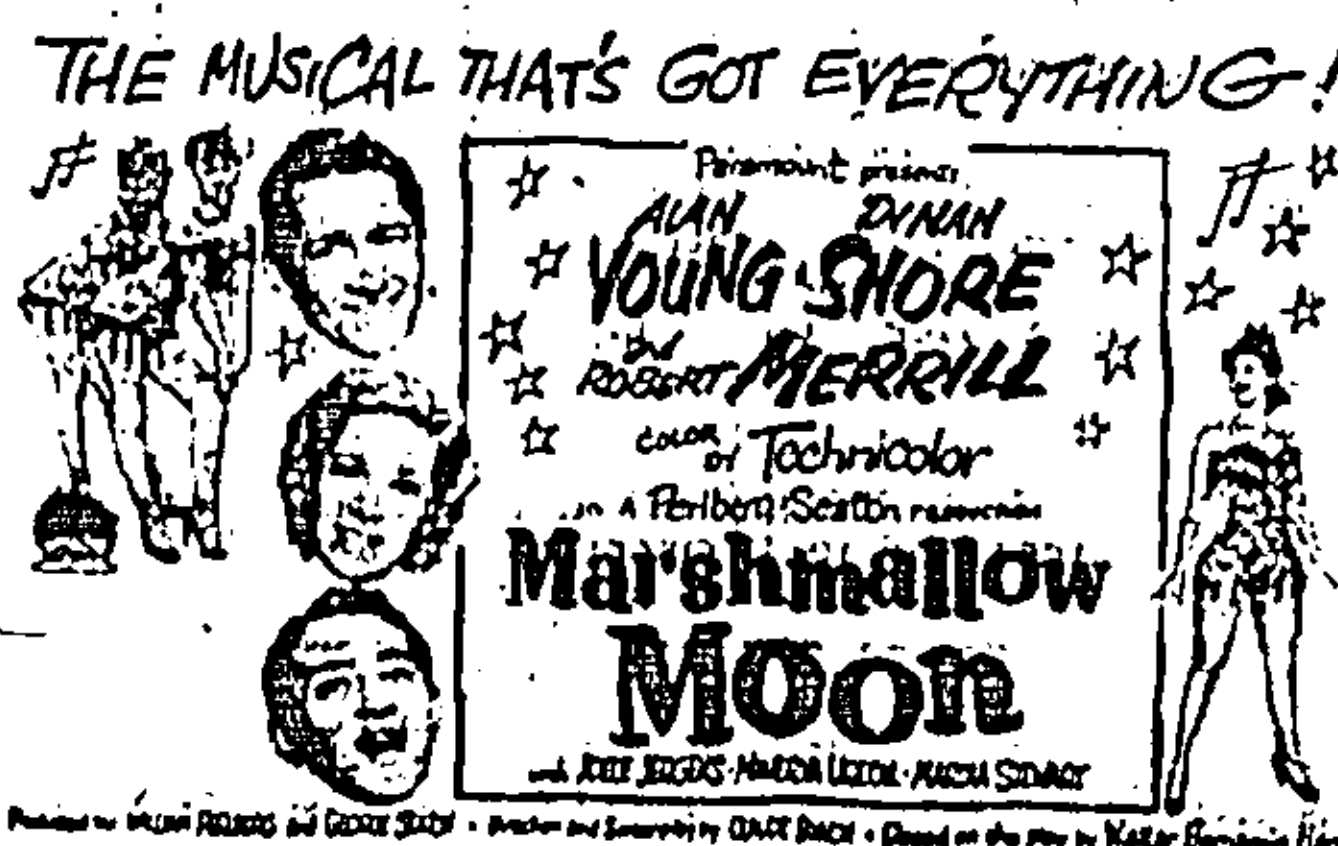
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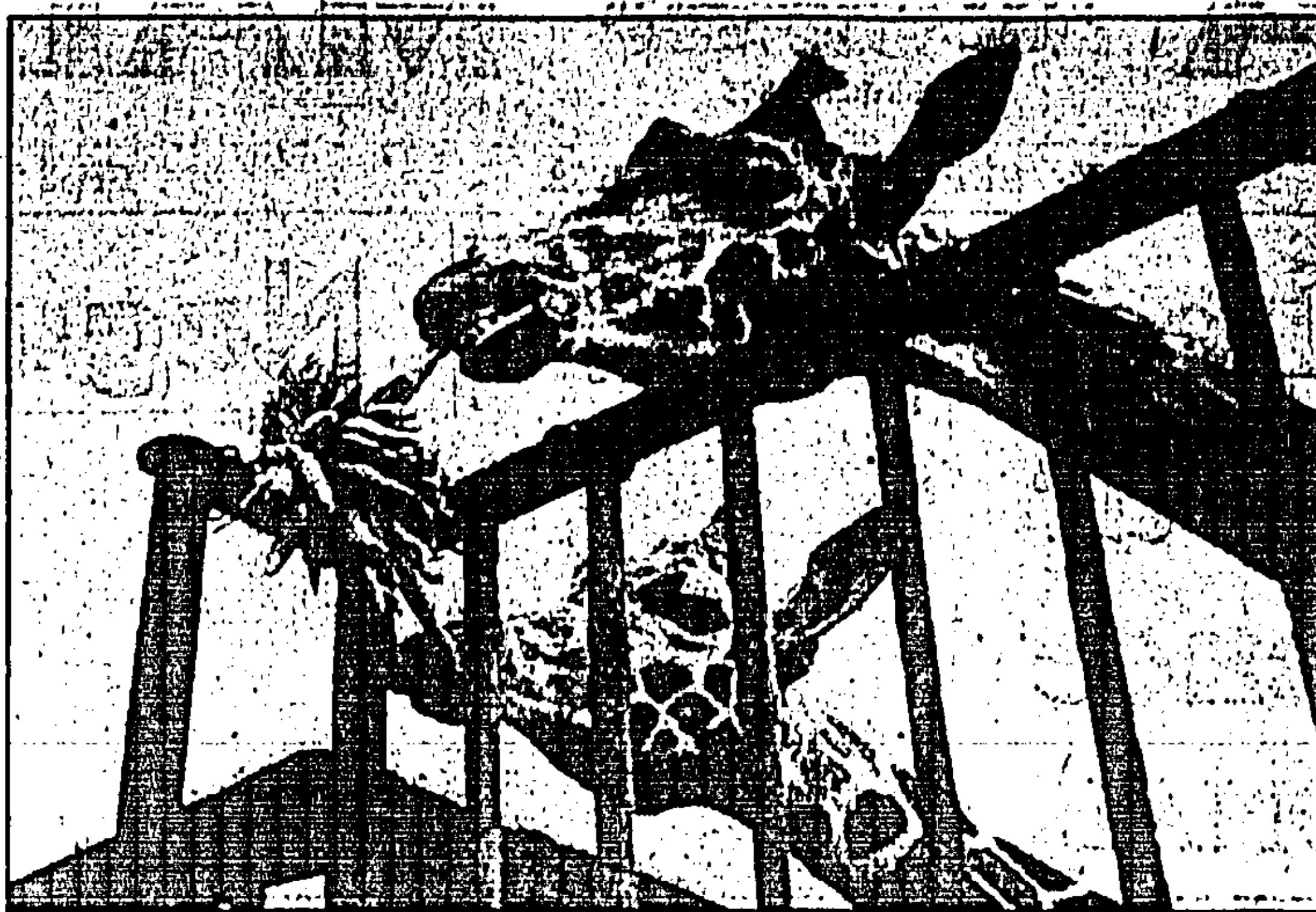


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Each identified enough not to show unseemly haste but clever enough not to be left far behind, Maude and Lucky, London Zoo giraffes, make a two-pronged attack on a bunch of carrots placed at a comfortable height on the top of their enclosure.—Reuterphoto.

Crocodile On The Rampage

Sydney, Sept. 29. A five-foot crocodile used in a window display chewed its way out of a sack as it was being taken by car through the city's main streets.

It snapped at the driver's legs, tore his clothes, made him swerve on to the foot-path.

The driver and another man bolted. When they came back the crocodile was in the front seat. It took them 20 minutes, armed with pieces of wood, to recapture it.

LONDON IS CHIC, TOO

Little To Learn From New York

London, Sept. 29. Is the elegant U.S. woman as elegant as she is reputed to be? The Rev. R. I. J. Kaye, minister of Epworth Methodist Church, doubts it.

He is at present in charge of a Methodist church in the United States under an exchange-of-ministers plan.

In a letter from Alta, Iowa, to members of his church in Epworth, he writes about his New York impressions:

"I had heard a lot about the chic American woman. I honestly think the women in London are just as attractively dressed."

Mrs Kaye thinks that other women in America are more smartly dressed, as they keep "dressing" to a much later age than English women.

On more serious matters, Mr Kaye says that "America, as a great Power, is now at the crest of the wave. Whether, out of the goodness of her heart, she will use her limitless energies just to help other countries is the big question today."

Britain Helps Pakistan

Karachi, Sept. 29. Britain's aid diverted 9,000 tons of Australian wheat to Karachi, to help Pakistan over an acute food shortage during the next few weeks.

A grain ship has been re-routed while on its way from Australia to Britain and is due to arrive here tomorrow.

The wheat will help Pakistan over the next crucial few weeks until big supplies of wheat purchased in Turkey, Russia, Syria and the United States start arriving.—Reuter.

NEXT CHANGE

Attack On Eye Diseases In Colonial Empire

London, Sept. 29. A "story of positive achievement" in the attack on eye diseases in the Colonies is revealed in the annual report of the British Empire Society for the Blind.

Although Colonies cannot find all the money and skill needed to deal adequately with their problem of blindness, the effort which they made last year, comments the Report, "is adequate proof that they are ready to play their part in the campaign."

This year, for every Pound raised in the United Kingdom for the Blind Fund, at least a similar sum will be raised by the Colonies themselves; the expenditure of Colonial Governments on this work will be increased ten-fold.

The Society's investigations have revealed that most, probably three quarters, of the blindness and eye disease in the Colonies is preventable. Field research into the causes and extent of eye disease and into methods of prevention is, therefore, given a foremost place in the Society's plans.

Research surveys are to be conducted in Nigeria, the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, the Cameroons, Kenya, Uganda, and—If funds and staff are available—in Central Africa and in the Colonies in South-East Asia.

Other plans for the campaign are outlined in the Report.

Amongst these are—the establishment of 15 new centres for education and training; the printing of Braille school text books in certain Colonial languages for use in blind schools; and training courses for serving officers and their wives on leave in the United Kingdom from Colonial territories.

LESSONS IN BRAILLE

These courses, arranged by the Society in conjunction with the "Corona Club", will include preliminary lessons in Braille and visits to organisations for the blind in the locally where the "student" is on leave.

The outstanding feature of the past year's work has been the formation of Organisations for the Blind in 18 Colonies.

In Africa, where previously only three Colonial centres for the blind existed, there is now only one British colony without its own blind welfare organisation.

The first major research party to investigate the causes of blindness and eye diseases in the Colonies leaves for West Africa on October 23.

Leading the party is Dr F. C. Rodger, an ophthalmic surgeon. He will be accompanied by Mr C. Crisp, an entomologist, who recently completed an important research investigation at Leeds University.

THREE-YEAR SURVEY

They will carry out a three-year survey in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, particularly in the area known as the "Country of the Blind", where the disease known as a "River Blindness" caused by a river fly, is rife. They expect

to spend their third year in Northern Nigeria and the Cameroons. They will take with them the latest scientific equipment including a mobile clinic with its own generating plant. Dr Rodger will therefore be able to perform eye operations in the field, in addition to his research work.

Skilled assistants, trained technicians, and interpreters are to be recruited locally.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated at a Press conference that there are few Colonial questions of "so much pressing import as this particular one."

The British Empire Society for the Blind has raised between £29,000 and £30,000 through appeal and individual associations and organisations. A donation of £4,000 was made by the Commonwealth Education and Welfare Trust—London Express Service.

Mother's Plea Succeeds

Son Restored After 10-Year Absence

Frankfurt, Sept. 29. A Yugoslav mother's plea for her 11-year-old son here today swayed a United States court of appeals to reverse its own earlier decision and restore him to her after a 10-year absence.

She is Mrs Pircnik, whom the Nazis sent to a concentration camp in 1942 after shooting her husband. The boy, Ivan, was six months old at the time but she traced him after the war to a Sudeten German couple in Kassel and sued for his return.

A United States district court in Germany decided against the mother and the appeals court, with the same judges as today, upheld the decision last July by a two to one vote.

Yugoslav newspapers violently attacked the verdict, especially since Chief Judge William Clark said that it was partly based on the belief that Ivan, would be better off in democratic West Germany than in Communist Yugoslavia.

But a rehearing was ordered when Mrs Pircnik demanded a personal hearing in court.

One of the two associate judges reversed his earlier decision in favour of the boy's natural mother.

The other had favoured her all along.

"I WILL FIGHT"

They said that in spite of their dislike of the Yugoslav regime, they had decided that the mother's plea could not be rejected solely because she lives in a Communist country.

Mrs Pircnik, impassive throughout the reading of the verdict, which she did not understand, broke into smiles when Yugoslav friends and officials rushed to congratulate her.

Two hundred excited local people gathered outside the home of the Sirsch family at Lohfelden, near Kassel, when they heard of the court's decision.

"I will fight them if they try to take me away," Ivan said firmly to his foster mother in front of reporters.

Frau Sirsch admitted, however, that the boy had been gathering photographs of his home, his foster-family and the township, to take away with him as souvenirs.

The Sirsch couple said they did not expect to see the boy again, even though Mrs Pircnik has offered to invite them to Yugoslavia from time to time.—Reuter.

Historic Navy Document Handed Over

London, Sept. 29. The Royal New Zealand Navy was today presented with an illuminated address, given by the former East Stonehouse Urban Council, Plymouth, to the British cruiser HMS Philomel over 50 years ago.

The address had lain in a store at the Royal Naval Barracks at Devonport since Philomel paid off.

Last July, the Admiralty suggested that rather than allow the historic document to remain hidden away, Plymouth might present it to the RNZN for display in HMZS Philomel, the training depot at Auckland.

The Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Alderman, H.E. Wright, today handed the address to Warship Officer Shipwright, R.P. Shipley of the New Zealand cruiser Bellona, now at Plymouth, who will be responsible for its safe custody until it is handed over to Philomel.—Reuter.

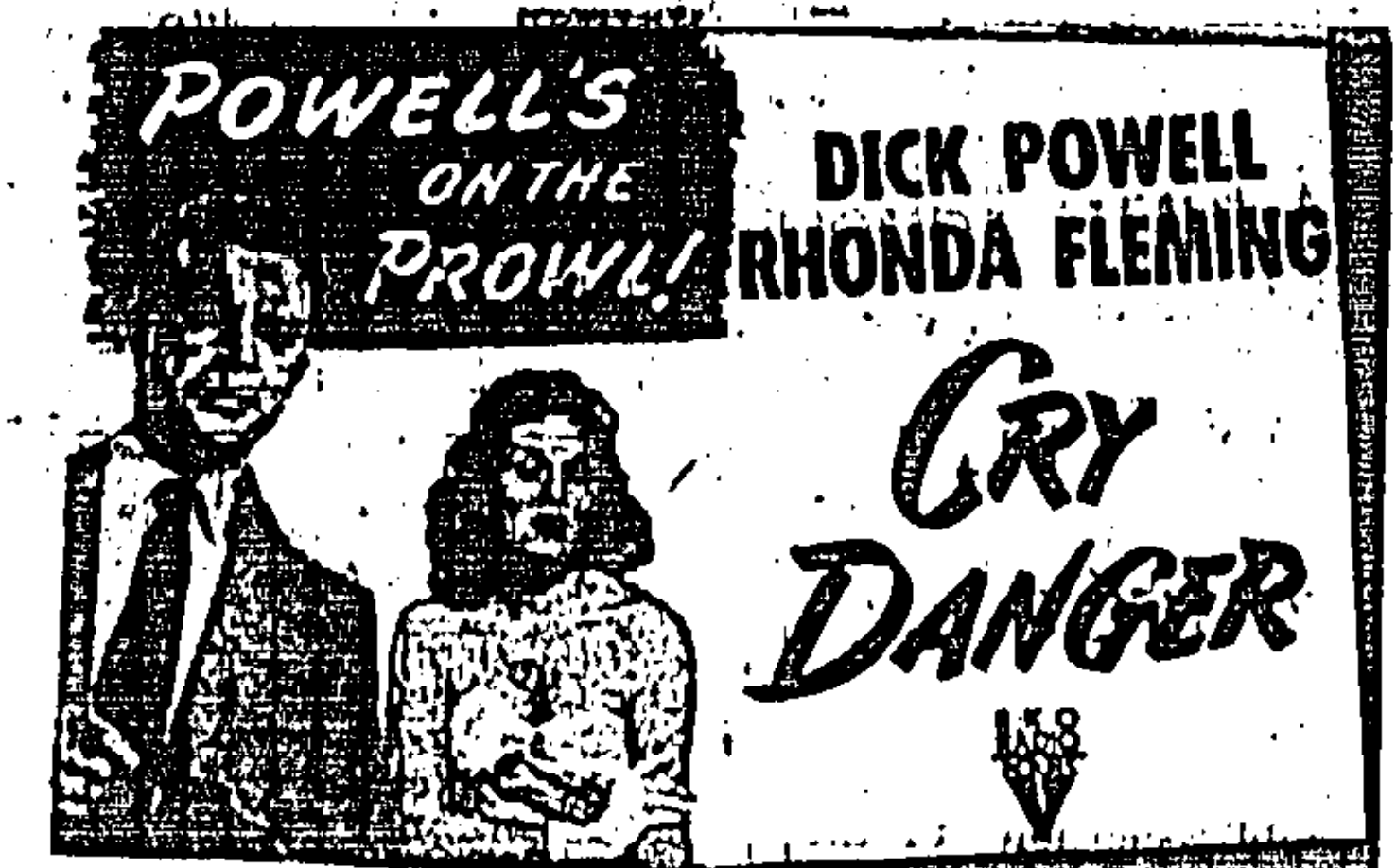
Henry VIII's Cellar To Be On View

London, Sept. 29. The Daily Express says that Henry VIII's wine cellar, minus the wine in Whitehall Gardens, London, will be open to the public from Saturday October 4.

The cellar is one of the few remains of the Tudor Palace of Whitehall, which Henry took over in 1529.—Reuter.

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Berlin, Sept. 29.
A "Society for the Promotion of Sharp-shooting" has been formed in East Germany.
Its aim is to turn all able-bodied youths and adults into "snipers dangerous to all enemies of the people."

BRITAIN REVEALS SECRETS

America Given Data On Atomic Tests

London, Sept. 29.
Britain has passed some secrets about her coming atomic weapon tests off northern Australia to the United States.

Although no American observers have been invited to attend the tests, the approximate date and time of the explosion together with the nature and power of the weapons have been disclosed to the American authorities.

This is intended among other things to enable scientists in the United States to test new methods for detecting atomic explosions at long-range.

The improvement of long-range detection methods would enable the Allies to keep close checks on Soviet Russia's atomic tests. That, presumably, is the prime purpose of the British disclosure.

In Wellington, New Zealand, the British nuclear physicist, Sir John Cockcroft, who is in search of facts about New Zealand uranium deposits, said today that the country's geology was "not very promising for any important discovery of uranium."

Sir John, director of Britain's Atomic Energy Establishment at Harwell, is due to leave Auckland by air for the United States tonight.

He was particularly interested in the work of the Rutherford Institute at Nelson, which does tell and insect research, including pest control.

Sir John said this work was "just as exciting" as his own field of atomic research. Associated Press and Reuter.

Baudouin Receives Japanese Envoy

Brussels, Sept. 29.
Ambassador Shoji Arakawa, Japan's first post-war envoy to Belgium, presented his credentials to King Baudouin today.

The Ambassador was introduced to the young monarch by M. Paul Van Zeeland, the Belgian Foreign Minister. Reuter.

Proposed For East Europe

STRASBOURG APPROVES BRITISH MP'S PLAN

Strasbourg, Sept. 29.
Plans for Marshall-type aid for Eastern Europe to "loosen the Soviet grip" were today unanimously adopted by the Council of Europe Consultative Assembly of fifteen nations.

The British Conservative, Mr. Tufton Beamish, proposed a four-point plan to "hasten the day when all countries of Europe shall be able to feel free to become members of the Council."

He told the Assembly: "Our own view is that Stalin is finding his European colonies a decreasing asset and perhaps in some ways a liability."

His four points were:
1. He proposed a blueprint for economic aid on Marshall Plan lines for Eastern Europe when its nations were "freed."
2. Mr. Beamish said: "I believe the most powerful factor that could help to loosen the Soviet grip on Europe would be the knowledge that there is a similar programme for recovery when the time is ripe."

3. Better propaganda and publicity—it might be found that "far too little money" was being spent on broadcasting and that the result had been "confusion among our listeners which must lead in the end to despair," Mr. Beamish said.
4. More attention to refugees. "Could we not do more to welcome and care for new refugees who find their way across what they call the green frontiers?" he asked.

SUPREMACY EFFORT
Mr. Beamish declared: "A supreme effort must be made to maintain a sense of mutual interest in understanding Communist pressure in trying to break the sense of spiritual isolation felt increasingly by the people of the occupied countries and show that liberty is a living thing."

"Our policy must be to weaken the Iron Curtain, not to reinforce it. Let our policy towards the Soviet Union be one of determined containment based on firm foundations that have already been built in the free world and not least in this Assembly itself."

The Assembly unanimously approved Mr. Beamish's resolution after widening its scope from European countries "now subject to foreign constraint" to include totalitarian regimes.
Mr. Beamish had referred to Spain and Yugoslavia as "right and left" wing home-bred dictatorships, respectively, and obviously not eligible for membership of the Council, though I hope they will be one day.



Youngest skater at Strat-ham Ice Rink, London, is this little Londoner, Jackie Beeson. Although only four, she can jump and spin on the ice as well as any adult. — Reuter photo.

Cambridge Professor Honoured

Berlin, Sept. 29.
German physicists today awarded the "Max Planck" Medal for special services in physics research to the British scientist and Nobel Prize winner, Professor Paul Adrien Maurice Dirac, of London.

Announcement of the award was made at a German physicists congress which opened here today.

Professor Dirac was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1933. The "Max Planck" Foundation was set up with the support of German industry in 1928 to stimulate scientific research.

First holders of the medal were the German atom scientist, Max Planck, who died in 1947, aged 80, and the German-born scientist and mathematician, Albert Einstein, who is now living in the United States.

Professor Dirac is known in scientific circles for his research into electronics.

The congress, which was attended by over 1,000 scientists from East and West Germany and many foreign guests, has decided to meet next year jointly with the Austrian Physicist League, which had invited them to Innsbruck.

Professor Dirac is Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge. At the time when he won the Nobel Prize of £2,000 in 1933 for his work on the atom, he was Cambridge's youngest Professor.

He has been variously called the second greatest mathematician of the century and an "Einstein of the Second." He demonstrated his brilliance while still in rompers. When he was three he invented a word "Noojum" to describe an infinite number of anything. He was an advanced mathematician at 23 and at 27 he delivered a lecture on his new conception of the Quantum Theory, which startled grey-bearded professors. Reuter.

Gromyko Going To Moscow

Berlin, Sept. 29.
M. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, has booked a passage on a British plane due to arrive here from London tomorrow night.

M. Gromyko arrived in London to take up his post on July 28.

Officials of British European Airways assumed the Russian Ambassador would go on to Moscow after a short stay in East Berlin.

The first Congress of the All-Union Communist Party to be held in Moscow since the war starts on October 5.

Over 1,000 Horses In Show At Harringay

London, Sept. 29.
The biggest indoor horse show ever to be staged in this country—there are 1,540 entries, 60 less than at the International Horse Show at the White City last month—is to be presented at Harringay between October 8 and 11.

It is the "Horse of the Year" show. Entries in 1951 numbered 1,325, and in 1950 numbered 903.

And, for the first time since the war, Germany is to compete in the team and individual events.

Other countries to be represented will be Spain, France, Northern Ireland and Eire. Missing are Chile, second to us at Helsinki, and the U.S.

Britain's Olympic Gold Medal team are among the entries—Colonel Harry Llewellyn's Foxhunter, whose unofficial photograph is to be published towards the end of October; Nizafel, ridden by Chesire and farmer Mr. Wilfred White, and Aherlow, for which Lieutenant Colonel D. M. Stewart, of the Royal Scots Greys, may get leave to ride.

Highest prize money for the £250,000 worth of horses to aim at is £2,200. That is the award to the winner of the British Show Jumping Association's Leading Jumper of the year competition. Most of the leading show jumpers qualify for this, including Foxhunter.

For women show jumpers there is the Diana Stakes, an international event.

What might have been an international "incident" has been avoided. Bones, a horse belonging to the British Army of the Rhine and full-blooded German, has jumped for England.

But he will not be in the team to oppose the Germans. He is back with the BAOR—London Express Service.

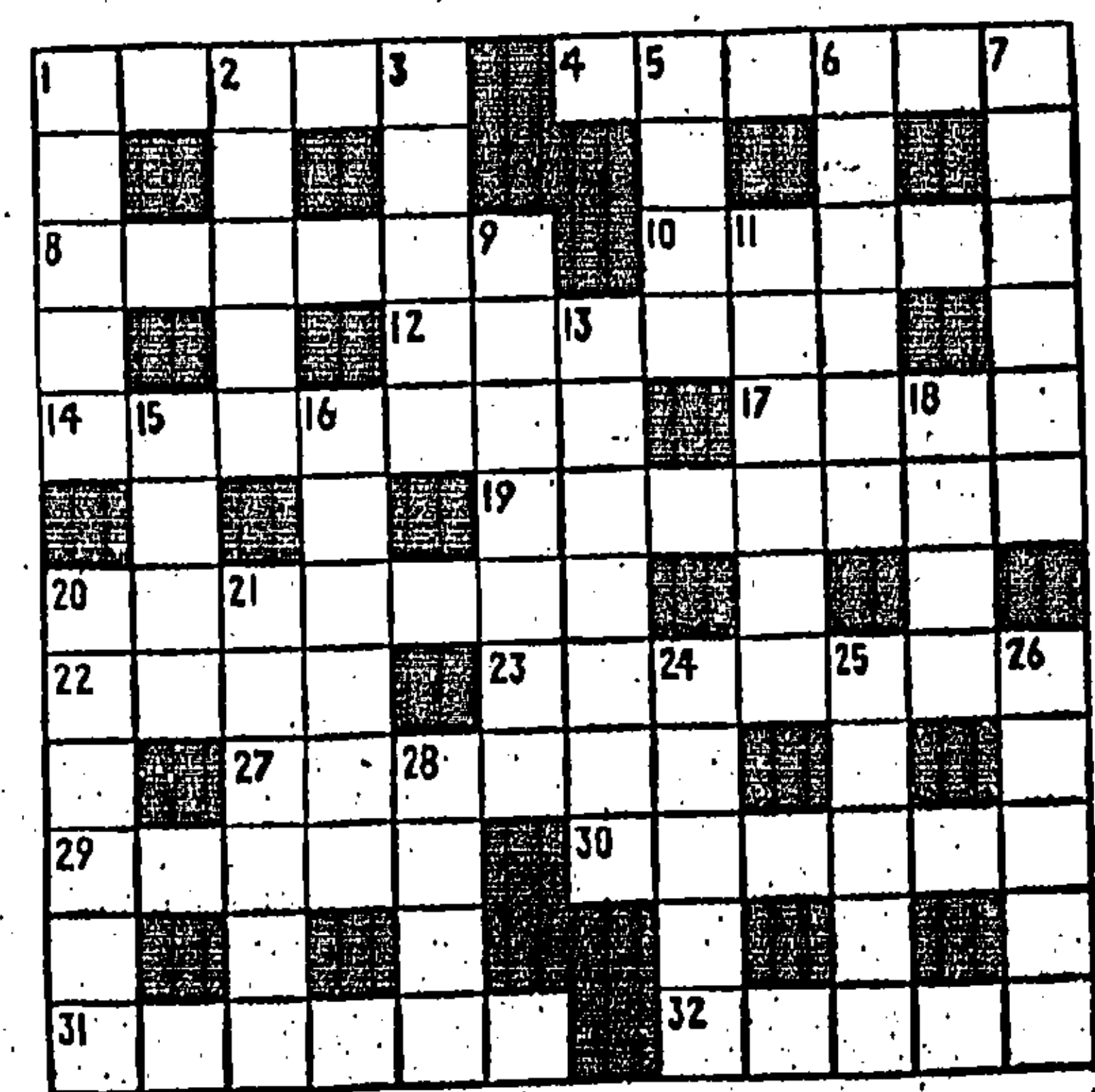
JAP TOURIST INDUSTRY

Tokyo, Sept. 29.
Japan's tourist industry made a sparkling recovery in 1951, the Transportation Ministry revealed today.

During the year, 60,238 tourists—a dominant proportion of them being Japanese—visited the United States, and the Ministry's tourist section said.

In 1950, visitors totaled 21,339 and spent \$9,040,000. Forty-seven per cent of the bills, the tourists paid in Japan were for hotels and food, the report said. —United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Dance (5).
 - Finched (6).
 - Tended (6).
 - Animal (6).
 - Sea robber (6).
 - Strive with (7).
 - Garden basket (4).
 - Placeful (7).
 - Remove, as difficulties (7).
 - Fuel (4).
 - Oriental (7).
 - Pure (6).
 - Accumulate (5).
 - Verse (6).
 - Additions (6).
 - Revised (5).
- DOWN**
- Renovate (5).
 - Mingle with (5).
 - Skilled (5).
 - Ancient Peruvian (4).
 - Photographic apparatus (6).
 - Flood (6).
 - Swells (7).
 - Bear witness (6).
 - Says again (7).
 - Garment (4).
 - Farmers (6).
 - Consumer (4).
 - Drug (6).
 - Empty (6).
 - Pigment (5).
 - Weird (5).
 - Famous (5).
 - Continent (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Affluent, 8 Loot, 9 Reprieve, 11 Elevated, 13 Stern, 15 Prohibit, 18 Delicate, 19 Byre, 21 Dollars, 23 Collated, 26 Char, 27 Scraping. Down: 1 Glue, 2 Dops, 4 Fret, 5 Lord, 6 Event, 7 Therm, 9 Rabid, 10 Peril, 12 Lorry, 14 Enter, 16 Horst, 17 Timid, 19 Backs, 20 Ruler, 21 Damp, 22 Tent, 23 Echo, 24 Serf.

General Ridgway's Analysis Of Western Europe's Potentialities For Defence

INADEQUATE IN EVERY WAY

Paris, Sept. 29.
General Matthew Ridgway, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, said here today that the Western defence forces were "inadequate in every way" to meet the threat of an immediate all-out aggression.

Addressing American correspondents who had been following the naval "Exercise Mainbrace," the General said: "No nation today, face to face with a potential aggressor, could maintain a standing force sufficient to ensure its safety."

"We have slight covering forces which we must back up with reserves."

"The whole thing is inadequate at present against an all-out effort. We do not have adequate covering forces on an emergency D-Day basis and we do not have adequate reserves to back them up, nor do we have adequate logistics."

"We are urging the governments of Allied countries to provide us with an absolute minimum. We cannot be satisfied with less and so long as I am commander, we will not be satisfied with less."

General Ridgway said the disparity of forces between the East and West would exist for weeks and months ahead and would give very little latitude for a mobile war on land.

DELAYING ACTION
"If war occurs we will still have to fight a defensive war—a delaying action, if you like. We will use the mobility of our naval and air strength to the maximum of our ability but we cannot count on having a mobile

land reserve in the next 12 months.

"We will fight where we are with what we have there on the ground."

Asked whether he thought morale in the West had deteriorated, General Ridgway replied: "On the contrary I see a very positive and definite improvement. Do not misunderstand me, there is no implied criticism in what I have said. As far as defence build-up goes it might have been beyond human capacity to do more."

The General said the object of "Exercise Mainbrace" had been to test how the naval and air commands could co-operate in the event of "a call for help."

It also had been an opportunity to show the three services the different parts they were playing.

General Ridgway said the first thing he did when he took over command in Korea was to call on the naval and air commanders to show them the inadequacy of the land forces holding ground in Korea.

GREAT SHORTAGE
"Once the men there in those isolated posts were conscious of the tremendous naval and air power behind them, it added incalculable strength to them," he said.

"I would have naval petty officers visit units in the mountains of Norway and army units commissioned officers spend some time as observers at sea," he added.

Answering questions on American military construction, General Ridgway said the United States forces had a very great shortage of steel construction personnel.

The United States Air Force, he said, had very few people suited to the work of airfield construction, and high-calibre civilian constructors insisted on having their families with them on building sites, which added to the difficulties.

Answering other questions, General Ridgway said he was negotiating with the Government over the construction of a pipeline system to supply jet planes with sufficient fuel. Money for this construction had been ready for a year. — Reuter.

Death Railway Pilgrimage

Bangkok, Sept. 29.
A party of Australians, led by Padre Thorpe of Baharut, is visiting the notorious "death railway" where many Australian and British POWs worked and died during the war.

Padre Thorpe, who had been touring South-east Asia accompanied by Mr. B. C. Ballard, Australian Minister in Thailand, and members of the British community in Bangkok, arrived yesterday at Kanburi. That end of the railway, and held a brief religious ceremony where wreaths were laid in the cemetery on behalf of the Australian Legion and Australian, English, Scottish ex-POW associations.

Padre Thorpe himself worked on the railway during the war. — Reuter.

Journalist Dies In Prison

Rome, Sept. 29.
Dr. Lezio Toth, Hungarian journalist sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in the Mindszenty trial in Budapest in 1949, has died in prison, Vatican Radio reported today.

Dr. Toth was for many years the chief editor of the Catholic paper Nemzeti Ismeret, a weekly of high quality, with Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, as its patron. — Reuter.

Foreign Office Explains

London, Sept. 29.
Russia can climb into negotiations with the West for the reunification of Germany on terms which will ensure German freedom, says a booklet published by the British Government today.

Prepared by the Foreign Office and the Central Office of Information, the booklet "Germany's place in the New Europe" provides a detailed explanation of post-war Allied policy in Germany, from the breakdown of the four-power control system laid down by the 1945 Potsdam agreement to the inclusion of Western Germany in the European Defence Community.

It maintains that each stage in the developments which have produced the present division of Germany and its integration with the other countries of Western Europe was made inevitable by Soviet policy.

The Russians, it states, "can still enter into negotiations for the unity of Germany on terms which will ensure the freedom of Germany."

"Nothing in the new agreements with the German Federal Republic will prevent such negotiations being held." — Reuter.

WINDSOR HAS X-RAY

London, Sept. 29.
The Duke of Windsor had an X-ray examination at a London hospital today, a few hours after his arrival from France on a private visit to his mother, Queen Mary.

A member of his personal staff said later: "There is nothing wrong with the Duke. The examination was a check-up on his condition."

The 68-year-old Duke was X-rayed at the same hospital on September 25 last year. — Reuter.

Duke's Malta Visit

London, Sept. 29.
The Duke of Edinburgh will fly to Malta on November 28, for a visit to the island during which, on November 29, he will present the Queen's Colour to the Royal Marine Commando Brigade. The Duke will return by air on December 2. — Reuter.

Survey Of 'Unfit' Homes Urged By Planning Council

London, Sept. 29.
A call for a national survey of the "vast number" of homes in bad condition will be made at the annual conference of the National Housing and Town Planning Council, which opens on Oct. 29 at Southampton.

A resolution will urge the Government to introduce measures to stem the deterioration of rented homes and to enable local authorities to enforce effectively the provisions of the Housing Acts.

A complete session of the conference will be devoted to the problem of deterioration. About 1,700 delegates from local authorities will attend.

Mr. E. R. R. Mengham, deputy secretary of the Council, said: "There has been no comprehensive survey which would show how many houses are in need of extensive repair, reconstruction, closure or demolition."

850,000 HOMES UNFIT
"But there can be no real argument against the assertion there are at least 850,000 unfit, incapable of being made fit at reasonable cost, or unsuitable for repair or reconstruction."

"Difficulties in the administration and enforcement of the 1930 Housing and Public Health Acts, apparent before 1939, are almost insuperable now. Local authorities and the courts cannot reconcile the reasonable cost of repairs and rent restriction."

"A national survey would produce facts and figures necessary to give the Government

public backing to carry out what is necessary." The last national housing survey, in 1936, investigated overcrowding and standards were prescribed by the Government.

RENT PROBLEMS
The whole complicated subject of rent restriction is being considered by the Government but early legislation is regarded as improbable. Among recommendations urged by different organizations are:
Increase in controlled rents.
Increased repairs allowances for tax purposes.
Gradual rent increases over three to five years.
Subsidy payments for repairs, and
The acquisition of unfit houses by local authorities.
The Sanitary Inspector Association is to ask for the recall of the "Ridley Committee" on rent control, which reported in 1945. The Association is at present considering the possibility of making some kind of survey through chief sanitary inspectors in various towns.

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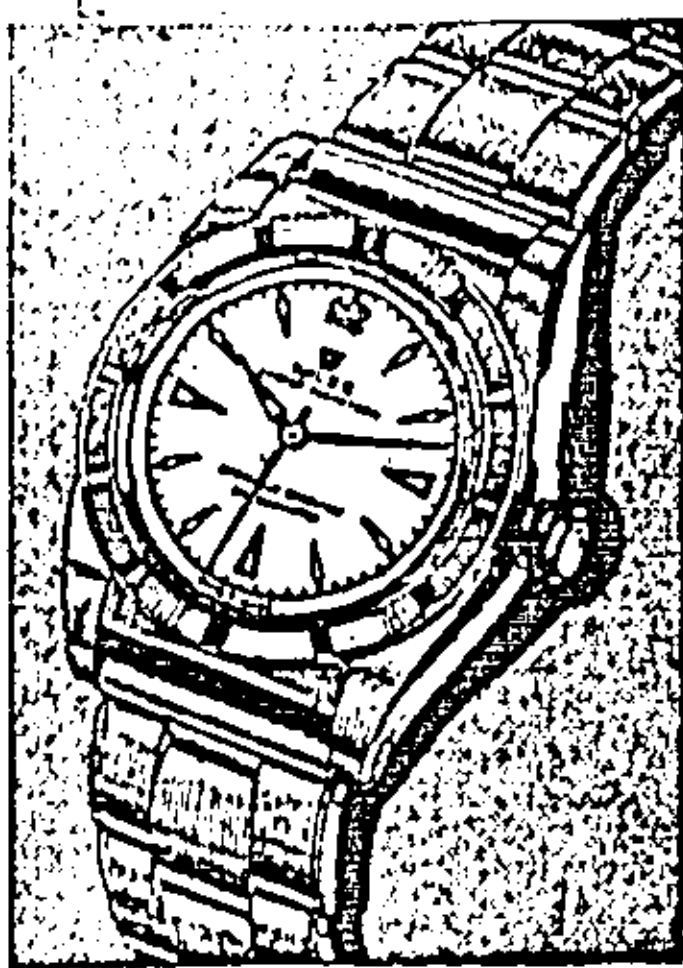
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A little bird told the shop stewards that you have been telling people that no overtime would mean long evenings washing up—doing the children's home-work and one thing and another...

London Express Service

POLYBIOS KYRIAKIDES, CYPRUS OIL DIVINER

ARE we in for a new wave of "wonder workers" like that which followed the first war? I hope not. For that wave swept in the supreme champion of them all, Herr Adolf Hitler, and presented us with the "wonders" of the Third Reich and the second world war.

There are portents and symptoms, however, which must not be ignored. In Germany there is a novelist who has won a vast following—but not as a novelist. He persuades people to eat-unboiled, mind you—hen's eggs which have been fertile for nine days. Cures are reported for almost everything from coughs to corns.

In Persia there is that estimable old miracle man Dr Mossadegh. And now, on a trip to Cyprus, I have run into Polybios Kyriakides the oil diviner.

I was roaming around Cyprus at the time trying to see how we are getting on with the job of fixing up that island as a Mediterranean super base.

For the last couple of years the planners have kept whispering that Cyprus is of vital strategic importance; that it is the portance; that it is the alternative to Fayid, Ismailia, and the rest if we have to get out from the Suez Canal: that Cyprus has been designated as the H.Q. for the new Middle East Command.

Well, I found that nothing had been done at all. No new radar stations have been put in, no attempt has been made to modernise the hopelessly inadequate harbours. Not a hand has been lifted to put the neglected airfields into shape or build new ones.

There was no change—except for 47-year-old Polybios. And what an "except" he is. For I found Polybios not only divining oil but drilling for it as well.

Yes, sir, a 210ft. American oil derrick has been set up on a rather derelict-looking strip of land hard by the Mediterranean shore nine miles from ancient Limassol.

When I came upon him Polybios was just having another 60ft. of boring shaft added to his long drill. The drill had already cut down through rock, salt water, and clay to a depth of 3,200ft. in search of the oil.

Since then he has got down to 3,800ft. my latest news from Cyprus tells me.

Polybios "feels" the oil is under the ground here—at a depth he says of approximately 4,500ft.—just as he successfully "felt" the presence of water at other places on the island.

Two oil experts from the Iraq Petroleum Company by
SEFTON DELMER

pany, after a £150,000 oil survey of the island, told him that they would tear up his diplomas if he ever strikes oil here. But Polybios, that does not worry him.

Nor does it worry his Cypriot backers, who have put up £80,000 to finance the drilling. For Polybios has struck water on the island in spots where all the experts of the British Colonial governor had declared no water could be found. All Cyprus is confident that Polybios will triumph over the experts again. "The oil in the ground sends up electronic vibrations," Polybios, haggard, swarthy faced and with the burning eyes of the fanatic, assured me.

"I react to those vibrations," I am sensitive to them just as I am sensitive to similar emanations sent up by water."

"How do you know you are reacting to oil and not to water?" I asked him.

"There is a difference in the feel," I have been to oilfields at Ploesti in Rumania," I tested

it out. I had "exactly the same feeling there as I have here."

His backers tested him out themselves—in Cyprus. They made him walk over fields in which they had buried tins of petrol under the ground.

When Polybios divined them one after the other they were completely satisfied.

HIS GADGETS

OIL and drilling for oil was a completely unknown science to Polybios, when he and his backers started on this venture—just as the German novelist who has launched the egg-swallowing cult has no academic knowledge of medicine.

Basra. At 500 m.p.h. and at 35,000 feet altitude, a Comet jet airliner flew recently on a proving flight over Baghdad. And at Basra radio station, Hassan Soliman, a 22-year-old Arab radio mechanic, lingered entranced by a radar instrument.

His brown eyes shone in his bronzed face at the thought that he had played his part, small as it was, in a Comet's flight across Iraq, the land where first they told of the Magic Carpet. For Hassan himself is only one generation removed from a desert tent.

The ancient minaret wired for a recorded muzzling; the desert Arab at his radio; at every point in the Middle East there is this clash between the medieval and the modern.

Hassan belongs to a new class steadily growing throughout the East. The skilled tradesmen are distinct from the traditional craftsmen, and foreign-trained technicians who returned to become managers or specialists. He is the man with the spanner—something quite novel in the Middle East.

Yet within one generation Hassan and his fellows have emerged with an identity sufficiently distinctive to merit a political tag. The Young Effendis, the study of English scientific books.

Hassan himself has patiently learned to read and write an oddly stilted English as well as his classical Arabic. The oddness of his English expression results from his almost exclusive study of English scientific books.

But Polybios is an engineer by profession and a good one. For he succeeded in learning enough out of handbooks to teach himself and his small staff of three mechanics all they needed to know about the job of drilling for oil.

He converted engines from three British Valentine tanks he bought from a scrap heap to drive his winches and drills. He has himself designed and forged a whole series of gadgets needed in the drilling.

He has shown fascinating ingenuity in overcoming various difficulties, among them the opposition of the sceptical British authorities to letting him have any dollars for imported machinery. Oil exports who have seen him at work with his derrick and borer say that the technical business of drilling is being carried out as perfectly as it could be by any oil technicians of long standing.

Polybios lives with the drill night and day. He has been at it since the derrick was first put up last autumn. His young wife was sitting on an upturned barrel darning his socks and

gloomily watching him when I found them.

"I wish he would come home just once in a while," she said. "But he won't leave it. So I have to come out here."

IS it a sign of the times, this faith that the Cypriots have in the oil man? Is there a wave of credulity which follows in the wake of war?

The Persian mobs last year were convinced that their good Doctor would usher in an era of wealth and ease for them.

So were the Germans convinced that Hitler would conquer the world, and make them a rich, slave-owning Herrenvolk.

There is one difference, though, between wonder-man Polybios and "these others." I should like to see him succeed.

And I wish our own authorities in the Middle East had some of the drive and fanaticism that have made him rise this derrick, even if he never strikes oil.

—(London Express Service.)

From his village school, whose syllabus is mainly Koranic, he was picked out at twelve years of age to be sent to a secondary school in Basra. At 16 he was selected by competitive examination to train at government expense as a radio mechanic. Now, at 22 he is earning 22 dinars a month, compared with a doctor's 60 to 80, and a labourer's seven to 10 a month. (One dinar equals £1).

On first acquaintance he is not so convivial as many of his less progressive countrymen; he is trying too hard to Westernise himself. He has an adolescent bashfulness. He dresses in Western style, wears an open-necked shirt and slacks, and at night he puts on a raincoat-coloured tie. His flowing robes and khushyah headwear he has long discarded. How, he asks, can you work in them at a bench?

He is pro-British. He knows that it was the British who created his country out of three neglected provinces of the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War I. It was British instructors who gave him his chance was fair. And now it is British instructors who teach him his trade.

With surprising insight, Hassan explained to me why he was pursuing a "strick's" experience

in Iraq's swiftly-changing pattern of society.

From the Queen of Sheba's time until almost yesterday, Arab commercial life depended on slender lines of camel caravans. The sheikhs kept the desert peace, guarding those threads from marauders.

In Hassan's lifetime the caravans have been replaced by lorry convoys across asphalted desert roads; airlines carry the merchant princes between cities. And now it is Hassan who watches over the trade routes—with a scanner instead of a rifle.

His talks with his fellow tradesmen are mainly about engineering; electronic terms fall strangely among thrifty Arab cadences. But unity of interests and constant associations of work and in leisure time may bring the Young Effendis of age politically faster than their own politicians appear to expect.

In Arabic Effendi means "Mister," a potentially prophetic telling. Hassan could become a nation-wide personality—a figure which has never before emerged in Arab history—that indefinable character referred to by the West as The Man in the Street.

It is Hassan's hands, strong, slim, and sinewy, that first attract attention. In Hassan's hands lies much of Iraq's future. They look capable, swiftly-learning hands even as they put together a radio set.

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Housewives Differ

New York.
A.H. the trials of a price controller!

Tighe Woods, the new price boss, announced on taking office that he is ready to scrap controls if the people wish it.

He decided to go out, meet housewives, and find out what they want.

His first stop was Fresno California (Population: 91,000).

And what did he find? Half of the housewives want controls because prices are high. The others do not want them because they have not kept prices from rising.

The bewildered Mr Woods is going to try six more towns across the land before returning to his office in Washington to think things over.

Food prices remained stationary in the last ten days recorded in the Government price index. It stands at 235.6 percent of the 1935-9 average.

THE Republicans and Democrats are estimated to be raising 30,000,000 dollars (more than £10,700,000) to help finance Eisenhower and Stevenson in their election campaigns.

IN New York City, 1,200,000 pupils went to school as Dr Bella Dodd, an ex-Communist teacher, testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. In 1944, she said, at least 1,000 of the children's teachers were in the Communist Party.

AT LEAST five versions of "Robinson Crusoe" are on Hollywood's production schedule for the next few months.

AFTER flying 27 missions in Korea, and more than 100 in World War II, Captain Martin Brent, 30-year-old distinguished Flying Cross holder, got leave for his son Michael's birthday. At the reunion, Captain Brent had a heart attack and died.

A CONGRESS committee decided to investigate President Truman's sacking of Lamar Caudle, an ex-Assistant Attorney General who prosecuted tax evaders.

Was there improper pressure upon him to go easy on the evaders? they asked. Yes, he said. Who from? Caudle replied: From Congressmen on behalf of constituents.

IN Des Moines, Iowa, Divorce Court judge D.D. Needham signed an order restraining George Jones from entering his home or molesting Mrs Jones. Two hours later, in another court, Judge Joseph Meyer—unaware of Judge Needham's action—signed an order restraining Mrs Jones from entering the house or molesting Mr Jones. The Joneses had filed divorce suits against each other.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Think Your Play Out To Be Bridge Winner

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S often possible to spot an ineffective player from a distance. You may be too far away to see a single card, but you can see the player zip through the first few tricks without hesitating for even a fraction of a second.

Then comes the pause that embarrasses. The rest is confusion.

In the hand shown today, West opened the seven of hearts and South hurriedly won the first trick and then took both of dummy's top clubs. When East showed out on the second club, South slowed down.

It was now clear that the club suit could not be brought in. South therefore went after the diamonds, hoping to win four diamond tricks with a 3-2 break in that suit. When the diamonds failed to break, South's situation was hopeless.

There was no harm in winning the first trick without hesitation. South had no choice of play. Then, however, South should have done some thinking. It was only necessary to count up the tricks needed for the contract.

South could expect to win seven tricks in aces and kings. He therefore

NORTH		9
♠ A 8 7	♣ 4	
♥ 5 4 2	♦ A K 9 7 2	
WEST		
♠ Q 9 4	♥ K 10 5 2	
♦ 7 5	♣ Q J 10 8 3 2	
♥ 10 8 7	♦ Q	
♠ Q 10 8 3	♥ 4	
SOUTH (D)		
♠ J 8 3	♥ A K	
♦ A K 9 6 3	♣ J 5	
North-South vul.		
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 7		

needed two additional tricks in low cards.

Since only four club tricks were needed, there was no need to cash both the ace and the king of clubs. When both defenders followed to the first round of clubs, South should have continued by leading a low club from dummy towards his jack. This would practically guarantee four club tricks.

If both opponents followed suit to the second round of clubs, the suit would surely break favorably. If East showed out (as would indeed be the case) the jack would force out West's queen, and South could later take a finesse through West's ten.

If East had started with four clubs to the 10-9, he could embarrass South only by putting up the queen of clubs and immediately driving out dummy's ace of spades.

Obviously if South had made the correct play on the second round of clubs, he would have made his contract with ease.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the forecast.

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WOMANSENSE

After so many years of 'Not Available'....

A British classic is back again

—'STYLED UP' A BIT FOR THE TIMES...

To mark its return to the British home market, here is a picture summary of how the classic twin-set (top right), which began a world-wide vogue, has been modified to meet new styling ideas.

Most prominent development is The Cardigan with Collar. Three examples:

RIGHT: Tailored revers... and an effective double-button fastening down the front.

BELOW (left): The pointed collar edged with white.

BELOW (right): This one in super-lamb wool with knife-edged treble neckline.



The double-button front.



Again the collar...



The treble neckline.

EXPRESSIVE SHOULDERS

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH the bare-top formal holding its own, shoulders are out in the open for all to see. Women who wear these sartorial pretties are taking surveys of their body lines and they might give a few extra, critical glances to their shoulders. The pose shoulders assume determines the pose of the figure.

There should be an appearance of ease. If the shoulders are carried in a rigid manner, a woman is likely to look bossy, suggest the touch-not expression. If they fall forward, the frame appears awkward, the chest is flat. Women of spirit carry themselves in a regal manner, head balanced, spinal column extended, abdominal muscles snug and tight.

Cosmetic Care
Neck and shoulders require a certain amount of cosmetic care. A smooth, white skin surface is of importance. After the daily bath—which should be a rinsing scrubbing with a soaped brush—it is a good plan to apply bath oil or fragrant cologne to neck, shoulders and arms.

If you use a foundation cosmetic when doling up for the evening festivity, for goodness sake don't stop under your chin, a practice followed by many thoughtless beauty questers. Make a complete job of it. Neck and shoulders must be on friendly colour terms with your face.

Plump Shoulders
If the shoulders are a bit too plump and you would normalise them, try this exercise: Lie flat on your back on the floor, feet fifteen inches apart. Lift the hips, making a bridge of your body, keeping the hands at the sides. Then roll from side to side, pivoting on your heels and letting your shoulders press into the floor. By this means, you will crush the fat cells and, in the course of time, they will disappear. Arm-swinging is also helpful.

The Bride And Her First Meal

By GAY PAULEY

New York.
Some of the nervousness traditional of the bride shows up when she prepares her first meal.

However, the new bride can save herself a lot of worry and her husband a lot of indigestion if she'll depend on making a few dishes well and wait until she's had more experience before she tries the fancy dishes like Mother used to make.

That advice comes from Ann Adams, table-decorating consultant for a silverplate manufacturer of Meriden, Connecticut. Miss Adams said some brides seem to feel it takes one-fourth as long to prepare dinner for two as for six.

"That," she said, "is a snare and a delusion. It takes as long to roast a chicken for two as it does for six."

Simplicity Advised

She advised the bride to keep her table decorations as simple as her cooking. Use basic linens, china and silverware, and "dress" up the table with accessories.

The rule for table setting is simple. Use only the pieces necessary to serve the menu you've planned, and place the pieces in the order of use from the outside toward the plate.

Don't overload a table setting for two with a large, space-consuming centerpiece. Small vases at each place are more effective.

For a summer table setting, Miss Adams suggested a colorful combination: yellow and white place mats of plaid gingham, starched stiff so they will lie flat. Make them yourself, if you like, and hem some solid yellow material for accompanying napkins.

Colour Important
The linens will go well with almost any plain coloured pottery or china, and for flowers you can use a centerpiece of yellow daisies.

You're really in luck if one of your wedding gifts was a set of deep green tumblers for use with such a colour scheme.

A cool-looking table colour scheme can be had by using apple green place mats. Use a centerpiece made by tucking a few beecher buttons or pebbles into small glass tubes of water which florists use for orchids. Stick the flowers in a centerpiece tray filled with fresh peaches and plums.—United Press.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE advice given in a correspondence column to "encourage courtesy in others by a helpful attitude to them" suggests to me that you might begin by raising someone else's hat to yourself.
It would be enlightening to watch two courteous men meeting, and each reaching out to lift the other's hat. "In the case of a lady and gentleman meeting," says Ticker's Etiquette For All Occasions, "the lady should raise the gentleman's hat for him, replacing it carefully on his head as soon as he has bowed to her."

The voice of Narkover

DEAR BEACHCOMBER:

It does not seem to occur to you that a spate of fake examinations, papers, stimulates interest in the end-of-term examinations. Sometimes there are half a dozen different sets, one of time just which may be the genuine set. These change hands repeatedly, thus keeping pocket-money in circulation, and creating interest even among the slackest and poorest boys. Surely this is more honest, and therefore better for the character, than the custom at other schools, where a little beast looks

over his neighbour's shoulder and copies what he has written; a timid and unenterprising life of conduct. Yrs. faithfully, Alexander Smart-Aleck.

The Princess Helena

THE Southampton paddle-steamer Princess Helena, which has ferried so many people to the Isle of Wight, is soon to be broken up. It was during a passage on this boat that Tennyson wrote "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and they still keep aboard a hat worn by the Duke of Wellington, which blew into the sea off Bembridge and was retrieved by an old man named Barton, now living in Midhurst. He recalls the maiden voyage of this ferry-boat 60 years ago, when Garibaldi was on board, on his way to visit the exiled Italian poet, Tennyson.

Period piece

The new dresses are Regency about the middle of the Early Victorian from the waist down. (Fashion Item.)
The ensemble is a hope, completed by William the Conqueror shoes, a Louis XIII snuff-box, a Philip II Spanish fan, Henry VIII's ruff, a falcon on each wrist, a neatly rolled umbrella, and a Pompadour hat.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

BORN today, you have one of those quiet, hyperintelligent minds which work straight to the heart of a matter almost instantly. This should help you succeed since you don't waste a lot of time just making up your mind to act. You are enthusiastic and ambitious and would like to ride high on the waves of success. But there is another side to your nature which is at odds with the more serious side and which could thwart you. You are just plain too fond of having a good time. Pleasure-loving and, at times, overly self-indulgent, you must learn to curb this tendency if your best talents are not to be submerged.
This warning is perhaps slightly more applicable to you members of the fair sex, since you are very attractive and are inclined to be flirtatious and even a little fickle in your affections. You may spend too much time on fun that there isn't much time left for the serious aspects of life. You love

beautiful clothes and jewellery and are never happier than when the centre of a gay party. You will probably have countless admirers and several opportunities to wed. Both you and your future wife have musical and literary talents but may not develop them to their best advantage. You are fond of books and the stage has a very definite lure for you. You men have good luck in business although you are inclined to take "long shots" and gamble your entire future on some new and exciting idea rather than wait for the rewards of a slow plodding career. You may make it all right, and again you may push your luck too far. Learn to know your own self a little better and you will have an easier time in life. And always, you owe yourself to the pending paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Wherever Did the Snow Go To?

—Lots of Things Disappear, but They Come Back!

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH was standing by the window—not saying anything. Just looking outside. When Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, came up to him.

"What are you looking at, Mr Punch?" Hanid asked.

"Nothing, my dear. I was just wondering..."

Knarf and Hanid both wanted to know what it was that Mr Punch was wondering. They asked him, "I was just wondering..." he repeated, "what happened to all the snow of last winter?"

"Why, Mr Punch.

ENGLAND SOCCER TEAM TO PLAY ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY NEXT MAY

London, Sept. 29.

England will play three fall internationals during their soccer tour of South America next May.

At a meeting of the Football Association Council in London today, it was announced that England will meet Argentina, Uruguay and Chile in full internationals and also a Football Association XI will oppose an Argentine XI.

Peru asked to be included in the tour agenda but it was not found possible to fit in a match with them. Contrary to reports no invitation was received from Brazil.

It is likely that an international match will be played against the United States in New York after the South American tour.

The England "B" team will play against Luxembourg and Saarland at the end of this season and it is hoped to arrange a match with a French "B" side.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr H. Sherrill, Chairman of the Chesterfield Football Club, was appointed new chairman of the Football Association Council, at today's meeting of the Football Association Council in London.

He succeeds Mr A. Drewry, who has resigned.

Mr Drewry remains Chairman of the Full International Committee, which embraces all matters connected with representative football, including professional and amateur.

The Senior International Committee deals only with full England professional sides. Mr Sherrill was last season's Chairman of the Intermediate Selection Committee, which deals among other items, with England "B" teams.

Two Birmingham City junior players have been suspended as a result of incidents which occurred during the game between Birmingham City Juniors and a Zurich youth team on May 28.

Players John James and Peter Warrington were suspended for a month. The Birmingham City Football Club will not be allowed to send its youth team abroad for the next three seasons.

The match in question was played prior to the Switzerland-England match and was attended by officials of 16 national associations.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Results

London, Sept. 29.

Following were the results of football matches played today:

GLASGOW CUP FINAL		
Rangers	1 Partick	3
(Played at Hampden Park)		
DIVISION III (Southern)		
Bristol R.	3 Norwich	1
Coyentry	1 Exeter	0
DIVISION III (Northern)		
Croft	4 Chester	1
Hullfax	2 Oldham	2
Mansfield	3 Darlington	2
Stockport	3 Carlisle	0
York	1 Port Vale	0

OTHER MATCH

All Star XI 4 Arsenal 3

—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 3rd Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday, 25th and Wednesday, 29th October, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON—on—Thursday, 2nd October, 1952.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Kwangtung Handicap Saturday, 11th October, 1952.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at:—

Telephone House, 1st Floor
5 D'Aguiar Street
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'SPURS' V. ARSENAL AT TOTTENHAM



London's two leading football clubs, Tottenham Hotspurs and Arsenal, had their first clash of the season when they met at White Hart Lane on September 20. Photo shows Ditchburn, Spurs goalkeeper, saving from Lishman, Arsenal's inside-left, while Clarke, Spurs centre-half, holds off Goring, Arsenal centre-forward. Ramsey, Spurs right-back, covers up. Arsenal won 3-1.

The Whole Soccer World Seeks A Match With The England Team

London, Sept. 29.

England still has the best international soccer team in the world if the requests pouring into the Football Association headquarters here from all parts of the world for matches against the country, where the sport was born, can be taken as a criterion.

In spite of defeats in the World Cup at Rio by Spain and the little regarded United States squad, England is still regarded as the top team of the soccer world and officials here report that there is hardly a football-playing country in the world which has not sent in an application for a match—either at home or away.

English soccer stock was at its lowest ebb following the Rio debacle and a series of draws against continental teams didn't help to restore prestige, but a draw against Italy in Florence last season, followed by a win over Austria in Vienna restored England to her pinnacle.

The match against Austria could be considered as virtually the unofficial title of European Champions and England's win gave the game a much needed boost here.

Such a flood of invitations complicate future plans, because the FA believes that there is the danger of overworking England's best footballers and considerations of prestige arise if anything but the best talent is sent.

Next year the most ambitious end of the season tour ever undertaken by a full England international squad starts with a swing through South America and a year later tough matches are already being planned as a preliminary for the World Cup soccer tournament in Switzerland that summer.

WORLD CUP PREPARATION

The scheme is to play home and away games against Spain, one of the best footballing teams in Europe, if not in the world, followed by a match against Yugoslavia in Belgrade.

Spain and Yugoslavia have been tentatively chosen as the squads most likely to give England grueling tests as preparation for the World Cup games a few weeks later.

Before the Spanish and Yugoslavian games in 1954, however, comes the hard tour of South America next year. Countries on the fixture list are Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

Although the World Cup is still two years away, England is already embarking on a long-term selection policy. For the first representative game of this season the English League selectors picked the team which beat Austria last May, with the exception of one position, and this against probably one of the weaker representative teams in Europe—the Irish League. The game is at Wolverhampton on October 4.

Rugger Trial Tomorrow

The final Colony rugby trial preparatory to selection of the All-Hongkong XV to meet Oxford University will be held on the Club Ground at Happy Valley tomorrow. The kick off is at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Teams are as follows:—

Probables XV
Henderson (Club), Jernard (Army), Clifford (Army), Roberts (Club), Murrell (Club), Craig (Club), Petrie (Club), Owen (Club), Stevens (Navy), R.A.F., Minto (Club), Crafter (Army), Descock (Army), and Squires (Army).

Loe (Army), Wren (Army), Horne (Club), Lattier (Navy), Leighton (Club), V. Roberts (Club), Minton (R.A.F.), Lane (Army), Ward (Army), A. Morrison (Navy), Roden (Army), Winkler (Army), Lambers (Club), Winter (Army), Elliot (Navy).

Substitutes. To Play: Perry (Police), Arnold (Army), Hartland (Army), Geddes (Army). Jerseys will be provided at the ground.

Beginning The Jimmy Wilde Story

WILDE FOOLED THE "WIDE BOYS" WITH HIDDEN WEIGHTS

By CHARLES BARNETT

How often does one hear the remark "if only he had a punch!" when the merits of a particular boxer are being discussed? And how often also does one hear that others possess a punch, yet have little or no skill?

Well, May of 1952 marked the 60th birthday of a little man who, as far back as four decades or more, electrified the world with his deeds inside the ring; partially, strange to relate, because he had all the required skill, but largely because he could literally produce a devastating punch from nowhere—Jimmy Wilde.

It was the punch that made him the mystery man of the ring, for in height, he was a mere 5 feet 2 inches and his weight was barely 6 stone 8 pounds.

I have known boxers and boxing managers to cast doubt upon his exact poundage and on one occasion at the Old National Sporting Club, London, a determined attempt was made to solve the question.

Jimmy had arrived for a weigh-in fully dressed, and his opponent's manager also insisted that he should strip before going on to the scales. No arguments followed, especially after Wilde offered to make a concession. He said he would take off his straw hat!

PUZZLED MILLIONS

"Peggy" Bettinson, the club manager, was called, and he settled the dispute by declaring that Wilde could wear sea boots and oil-skins, providing the scales required a stone.

However, Wilde made a fresh concession. He stripped off his coat and vest, a fact which gave the other side obvious satisfaction, for it was thus easy, they thought, to calculate the weight of the little fellow after allowing for the wearing of trousers, which, of course, easily made the stipulated 8 stone, but what the so-called "wide boys" did not know was that Jimmy had received a tip about the objection and had come well prepared—in his pockets and in a hidden waist-belt he carried lead ingots weighing several pounds!

Looking back, I can scarcely blame Jimmy Wilde's rivals for attempting to solve the great mystery of his weight. It is true to say it had puzzled millions—yes, millions.

About that time I was asked by Colonel Lynch M.P. if I could arrange for Wilde to call upon him at the House of Commons. Jimmy did so, and we then had the curious spectacle of the little fellow being in the centre of a group of politicians in the Lobby, almost every one in turn, including Mr. Speaker and Mr. Winston Churchill, feeling Wilde's arms in an attempt to find some muscle which would account for his prodigious punch. They were plainly perplexed.

Having referred up to that time practically all of Wilde's fights, I had been asked almost daily whether I could offer any explanation regarding the phenomenon.

I could. It was my view that speed and precision, plus the knack of swaying from the hips, Wilde's blows were most damaging. With it all, Jimmy did no toe-dancing. Instead, he walked in flat-footed and so his punches possessed double power.

After my long experience of Wilde, I never feel pleased now when I see a boxer prancing around a ring on his toes. Such a performer seldom keeps long in form and seldom brings off a knock-out.

"INDIAN FAMINE"

All sorts of good-natured nicknames were applied to Wilde by the thousands who looked to see him in action. "The Human Hairpin" was one description, "The skeleton with a hammer in his hands" was another, while an enthusiast at Holborn Stadium one night yelled, "Go on, Indian Famine!"

But it was by another label that Jimmy became better known. Actually, he was born at Quakers Yard, a little village between Merthyr and Poppley in Wales, but at an early age was taken by his parents to Tylorstown, Rhondda, and there he grew up.

So Wilde, to all, became the Tylorstown Terror and promoters billed him as such.

Shedding all modesty, I claim to have done quite a bit in turning him to the outside world.

I began by writing to a friend, John Murray, who was editor of "Boxing". I asked him to insert a challenge to any 8 stone boy in England, explaining that the boy had already beaten all opposition in Wales.

Murray replied that his directors would not allow him to insert a boy's challenge, so I had to explain that this "boy" was a married man within a baby's year. Upshot of this was a match at the Blackfriars Ring, London, with a London flyweight known as Matt Wells Nipper and the happenings that night outside the ring were quite a comedy.

Fred Delaney, of Bradford, was top of that bill, and as he was anxious to catch a particular train home, he kept on hurrying Wilde to get ready for his minor bout.

HALF A ROUND

In that casual and unperurbed manner he has always possessed, Wilde drew it would be quite all right and Jimmy strolled out of the dressing room wearing only his shorts and a Welsh flannel shirt with the ends loosely hanging over them.

A few minutes later, he sauntered back still wearing his shirt. Delaney, now hot and bothered, angrily inquired why he did not get ready. "It's all right, mun," replied Jimmy slowly. "I knocked him out in a half a round."

That was true and Matt Wells told me afterwards that the "nipper" said to him, "Uncle, how did he do it?"

Reporters hurried into the dressing room to interview the new ring tradesman and one asked the stereotyped question— "What do you think of London?"

"It's a growing little place," Jimmy said with a grin. "Nearly as big as Tylorstown."

So in a night Wilde's fame had spread from Wales to England, but flyweights were so little thought of in those times that ordinary fight fans had not yet realised what a star was rising in their midst.

There was proof of this at "Peggy" Bettinson's annual benefit. Wilde was in the programme to box a three-round trial with Joey Wilson, a sturdy and good boy, who was runner-up to Sid Smith for the 6-stone championship.

Wilde and Wilson were put into the ring at the end of one of the big matches and the club patrons rose en masse to visit the bar!

In later years a stampede of horses would not have caused them to move while Jimmy was inside the ropes and the accommodation was always full.

The Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, saw several of his fights.

RUGBY LEAGUE SUSPENDS AUSTRALIAN

London, Sept. 29.

The Rugby League disciplinary Committee announced today that Kenneth Kearney, the Australian touring team's hooker, had been suspended for one match.

Kearney was ordered off during the match at Halifax for allegedly punching the opposing hooker.

The Committee's decision means that he will miss the game against Featherstone Rovers on Wednesday but he will be available if required for the first Test against Britain at Leeds on Saturday.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby

ISN'T THE VIEW LOVELY?

IT WON'T TAKE US LONG TO KEEP THIS PLACE CLEAN AND TIDY

NEE, THAT'S THE CAR UNPACKED

I THINK WE'RE GOING TO ENJOY OUR HOLIDAY HERE - I AM GLAD WE'VE TAKEN THIS BUNGALOW GATE

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BRITISH VICTORY AT MONZA



Leslie Graham, of Britain, won the Grand Prix des Nations 500 cc motor-cycle race at Monza, Italy, nine days ago. He beat 25 competitors from nine countries. Riding an NMV, he established a new lap record with an average speed of 108.78 m.p.h. Photo shows Graham being chaired after his great victory.

The Sports Roundabout

Portsmouth Put The Country First

By W. CAPEL KIRBY & DAVID JACK

Orders have gone out from Fratton Park to secure an inside forward built on Duggie Reid lines. We must get a good big 'un, say Portsmouth, who have the remedy bang on the spot by pushing Jack Froggatt to centre-forward and bringing Red Flewin back as centre half.

It's as simple as that; yet Pompey prefer to go into the market for their man. Why? "Because we don't want to prejudice Froggatt's international chances," says director Harry Wain.

We commend this country and player before club attitude to others who squeal about the frequent FA calls on men for international duty.

Stormy petrel of Australian cricket, Sid Barnes, is almost certain to be playing in England next season. Even if Barnes is not included in the official Australian party, Lancashire League club Accrington are prepared to give him as much cricket as he wants.

Stoke City's next big signing will be a centre-forward. Led they would like is Burnley's Bill Holden. Who wouldn't?

British bottle-dodging referees in South America are short of whistles. That's why Glasgow's Willie Crawford, who left for Chile recently, had to declare a dozen and a half at London Airport.

Hull City manager, Bob Jackson, looking for a top-class winger, has been making inquiries about Sheffield Wednesday's Dennis Woodhead.

We don't fancy his chances of pulling off a deal. Since Woodhead regained his first team

place Wednesday's attack has improved out of all recognition—and they're in no mood for selling.

Sign of the times. New York's Yankee Stadium start a weekly series of soccer matches next month when the baseball season ends. No expense is being spared and both New York Yankees Baseball Club and the U.S. Soccer Association are putting \$10,000 as initial outlay.

Even with the end of the cricket season you can't keep young Freddy Truman out of the news. Playing Soccer for Maitly Main, Yorkshire League club, Freddy is building up a reputation for missing penalties.

ON THE CARDS It's on the cards that the Australian cricket tourists will make Nottingham their headquarters next season—instead of London. With a crowded fixture list, a Midlands base would cut down travelling.

Former Sunderland wing half Alex Hastings, now a successful mine host, has turned down two attractive scouting jobs. Instead, Alex has bought a season ticket at Falkirk.

Judging by importations to the Football League, the Southern League is the senior non-League competition in football.

That's why clubs visiting Lovells Athletic complain, regularly about having to play before 20 to 30 spectators.

Goalkeepers, too, object to trekking over tennis courts to retrieve every ball that goes past them.

Former Aston Villa goalkeeper Joe Rutherford has joined old friends at Bilton. Bilton player-manager is Bill Elliott, ex-West Bromwich winger, and the team includes Billy Guest and Don Dearson.

HE WASN'T KIDDING Framed photographs of Derby County's 32 international players adorn the Baseball Ground boardroom. On a recent visit Ted Drake, spanning four with his arms, said: "These would do me." The four? Raich Carter, Peter Doherty, Billy Steel and Hughie Gallacher.

Cardiff City's Will Grant certain to be among the leading First Division goal-scorers, figured in probably the shrewdest deal in post-war Soccer. When Grant moved from Southampton in exchange for Ernie Stevenson, a cheque for £20,000 was thrown in by Southampton.

When Charlie Milton was transferred from Manchester United to Fulham he took it for granted that he would forfeit £200 accrued share of benefit as part of his Bogala punishment.

Charlie has since discovered that Neil Franklin got away with it when signed by Hull City—and has now put the matter in the hands of the Players' Union.

MARY CHOW WINS COLONY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

By "ARGONAUT"

Mrs Mary Chow won the Colony Ladies' Singles title yesterday for the second time in her tennis career, defeating Miss Kathleen Phoa in the final by 6-1, 6-2 at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Played before a disappointingly small crowd, the match failed to reach the standard of previous finals and was over in just under one hour.

A surprise finalist, in this year's Championships, Miss Kathleen Phoa put up a gallant fight, resorting to safe tactics which were unavailing against the smooth flowing forceful drives of her opponent and rendered ineffective by the feebleness of her own strokes.

Mrs Chow's deadly forehand and backhand cross drives, either half-court or deep, repeatedly took their toll and paved the way to her comfortable victory.

Miss Phoa took the first game on Mrs Chow's service, when the latter, after being beaten by a forehand drive to her service, made three successive errors. Warning up to the game and driving forward to both sides of the court, Mrs Chow took the next six games in a row to complete the first set in 15 minutes.

Mrs Chow went on to lead 3-0 in the second set before dropping her service game. At 6-1, Miss Phoa made her last stand, holding her service to bring the score to 5-2.

The loser had a good chance to extend the match when she held her opponent to 30-30 in the next game, but volleyed an easy shot into the net and Mrs Chow completed the set and match with her specialised forehand short cross.

MIXED DOUBLES

In the Colony Mixed Doubles semi-final, played on an adjacent court, Mrs Elvise Tsok and K. C. Dao qualified to meet Mrs Enid Lo Litton and Tsui Wai-pui in the final with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Mrs V. Fowler and J. Hsu.

This was a good game all the way, featured by brilliant play by K. C. Dao in the middle and back court, some excellent forehand drives by Mrs Fowler and spirited retrieving by her partner. A newcomer to competitive tennis, Mrs Tsok, after a shaky start, gave a spectacular performance at the net with aggressive net play.

The first set was a ding-dong affair till 4-4 when Joseph Hsu dropped his service game by 30-50. Dao ended the first set on his service to win by 6-4. The second set saw the winners romp along to 4-0, but only after four closely contested games.

Hsu served to a 50-15 game to reduce the margin to 4-1, but both he and his partner were unable to stop the winners from taking the next two games for set and match after holding them to two gruelling deuce games.

INDONESIA'S TENNIS ACES ARE HERE

Indonesia's leading tennis aces, headed by their Champion, Tan Leep-chiau, arrived yesterday by the mv Tjiwangi and will open their three-day Interport series against Hongkong on Friday afternoon at the Chinese Recreation Club.

Hongkong will be represented by Ip Koon-hung and K. C. Dao in the Singles and Ip and Tsui Wai-pui in the Doubles. Of the visitors, Tan Leep-chiau, the Indonesian Singles Champion, is no newcomer to Hongkong. In early 1948 he defeated Ip Koon-hung on a cement court in Indonesia, but Ip turned the tables on him at Shanghai when they met for the National Championship of China in 1949.

On his way back from Shanghai, Tan, together with T. T. Chen and Leo Boon-sing, stopped over at Hongkong and played a series of matches here. Tan then extended Ip and impressed with his forceful top-spin driving game.

Leo Yoo-jeon, co-holder of the Indonesian Doubles Championship, will team up with Tan Leep-chiau to play against Hongkong's new combination of Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Wai-pui. Lym is a very fine doubles player, possessing a strong service and very sound forehand drives.

Sudarsono Juyandireja, runner-up to Tan Leep-chiau, is a young player of great promise and will be a good match to Hongkong's second string, K. C. Dao, in court coverage and retrieving difficult shots.

The Hongkong players are expected to win, but will have to produce their best form to defeat the visitors.

THE PROGRAMME

Friday, Oct. 3
4.00 p.m.—Singles Interport—Sudarsono Juyandireja (Indonesia) v Ip Koon-hung (Hongkong).

5.15 p.m.—Singles Interport—Tan Leep-chiau (Indonesia) v K. C. Dao (Hongkong).

Saturday, Oct. 4
3.15 p.m.—Singles exhibition—Tan Ping-soon (Indonesia) v Fritz Lin (Hongkong).

4.15 p.m.—Exhibition Mixed Doubles—Mrs Tan Leep-chiau and Jayandireja (Indonesia) v Mrs Mary Chow and Koo Sing-wai (Hongkong).

5.15 p.m.—Doubles Interport—Tan Leep-chiau and Lym Yoo-jeon (Indonesia) v Ip Koon-hung and Tsui Wai-pui.

Sunday, Oct. 5
4 p.m.—Singles Interport—Sudarsono Juyandireja (Indonesia) v K. C. Dao (Hongkong).

5.15 p.m.—Singles Interport—Tan Leep-chiau (Indonesia) v Ip Koon-hung (Hongkong).

ON THE RECORD Room There Even For The Littlest Ones

Some of us can nostalgically remember the days when the Victoria Recreation Club bar was patronised by a regular group of habitués who lined it two or three deep and resented the occasional pushing his way in for a quick one.

Times have changed. When the diving started yesterday, the President of the Hongkong Swimmers' Fathers' Association, Mr. Bill Eager, and this columnist decided to take a look in.

The place was deserted. At least, it was at first glance. On the other side the bar attendant was seen to be busy, but he had trouble pushing his head over the edge of the bar

even if he had been put on a high stool.

The mite, who was having an orange squash, made his exit as casually as he had made his entrance. Beyond the bar attendant's motions you couldn't have guessed that anything was going on, till out of the corner of your eye you saw him turn the corner into the verandah.

One might presume that the mite was one of several belonging to Mrs and Mrs Ed. de Bora but as the junior members of the family had been brought especially to watch the diving and that competition was then going on, it could just as easily have been someone else.

Bill Eager had hardly taken a first lift of his glass when he was interrupted by a young man, whose main claim to fame is being the Colony's youngest League Hockey centre-half, slaps down a half dollar on the counter, and the aerated water sales start booming. Claire, of course, was escorted by a boy friend and that was the beginning of a procession in and out of the younger set—ranging in age from six to 16.

As a journeyman journalist one welcomes of course such an opportunity to meet all the Champions in a more hospitable atmosphere than the dark little alleys where passing swimmers splash water over one.

For example, we had a grand opportunity of meeting coming Colony Champion Lorna May Mack, an even more attractive little girl without her bathing cap on.

She said quite unassumingly that she could take a double orange squash at the age of five and it had never gone to her head. Some may say that is no accomplishment but I distinctly remember a much older lad, of some 19 summers, a complete teetotalist, who had to be helped out of the Hongkong Cricket Club after a double orange squash.

He had earlier been playing in his first match at our local Lords and had taken three wickets. It may be that these three wickets went to his head, but I was standing next to him for the duration of his call up to the bar and no lethal potion was poured in by anyone.

As far as Lorna May is concerned, nothing is likely to go to her head. She told me quite modestly that she was bound to be Champion because that was the only competitor in the Springboard Diving. She should have been last year in my opinion, but the judges thought otherwise.

Lorna, who had her first double orange squash about two Olympiads ago, told me that she is concentrating on diving and leaving other sport alone for the simple fact that sporting activity takes too much time away from the more important business of preparing for a career. One of the essentials, of course, towards a career, is acquiring what knowledge is freely distributed to the young up to the age of 16 or thereabouts.

As far as the other Champions and coming Champions are concerned, Vanessa Giles and Helen Bendall are bigger and very much better this year and the Championships promise to show a much higher standard among the also-rans than has been their lot in the past.

As a matter of fact, the Hongkong Swimmers' Fathers' Association, a very exclusive circle, decided that Helen's performance yesterday was so promising that her father, Mr. J. A. Bendall was, on the President's proposal, elected a full member of the group.

One may not have heard of the Association, but membership in this is open to all fathers of finalists who have a reasonable chance of becoming Champions some day. It is already a powerful group, and it does not frown on turning the bar into a homey affair where the children can come in too.

They have not yet decided on what attitude to take should mothers of finalists attempt to invade the bar as the necessity for a stand has not yet arisen.

In short, there is some point to children gathering in bars if nobody else ever goes there.

—"RECORDER".

Colony Swimming Championships

Two Colony Records Broken

By "FRIDAY"

The first day of the Colony Swimming Championships heats held at the Victoria Recreation Club last night saw two new Colony records established.

Cheong Kin-man, swimming the 220 Yards Free Style, took the lead from the start of the race and, keeping an even pace, increased it to three quarters of a length and finished in the record breaking time of 2:18-1/3, his old record being 2:18-4/8.

Kin-man just took it comfortably and keeping his real surprise for the final. Asked about his recent trip to Formosa, Cheong said the swimming there was of a high standard.

Very keen competition was shown by the girls last night and they are all out put up a good show. For the extra spur the Chinese girls brought along ammunition in the form of cube sugar.

In the 100 Yards Breast Stroke, Tsing Rit-wan (CYMCA) swam an excellent race. Using the orthodox breast stroke, he kept level with the other swimmers, using the butterfly stroke and beat them by a touch at the finish.

In the Ladies' 50 Yards Back Stroke there was keen competition and the finals should provide some excitement. Swimming in the first heat of the 40 Yards Free Style, Cynthia Eager broke her last year's time of 5 min. 49 sec. returning 5:38.8 in the 2nd heat of the same event, Vanessa Giles improved her time to 5:04—the second best performance in the Colony's history.

THE FINALISTS

The finalists are: The 220 Yards Free Style—Cheong Kin-man (Fortune), time: 2 min. 18-1/3 sec.; Kwong Long-hoi (Fortune); Lam Yee-choi (CYMCA); and Tang Yau-ming (Ching Wing); and Yip Kau (Ching Wing).

The 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Tsing Rit-wan (CYMCA), time: 2:18-1/3 sec.; (CYMCA); and Elizabeth Grant (CYMCA).

The 50 Yards Back Stroke—Fung Yung-chee (CYMCA), time: 5:38.8 sec.; Joan Eager (VRC); Ng Ngai-jin (CYMCA); and Elizabeth Grant (CYMCA).

The 40 Yards Free Style—Cynthia Eager (VRC), time: 5 min. 38.8 sec.; Vanessa Giles (CYMCA); V. Giles (CYMCA); Helen Bendall (CYMCA); and Wong Yuk-bing (Fortune).

Cricket Trial Teams For Friday

The following cricket teams have been selected to play at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Friday, October 3, at 11 a.m.

N.E. Arthur (Captain), P.V. Dodge, L.D. Kibbe, G.T. Rowe, G.N. Gosano, G.H. Pugh, R.H. M. Goss, L. Goss, J. Lark, A. Minu, F. Zimmerman, C. Connet.

Capt. R. Hayward (Captain), S/Ldr B. Kingdon, Capt. Theobald, Lt. Woolcombe, Lt. Alexander, Lt. Beator, Lt. Edwards, P.A. Whitehouse, T. Stanton, L.G. Gosano, R.E. Lee, A. Zimmerman.

Reserve: J. Muldon. Umpires: Capt. E. Britton and F. Hutcheon.

The Hongkong Cricket Club notes will be available to all in the above sides.

A final trial, Probables versus Possibles will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 11.30 a.m.

All players who have played in trial matches are requested to keep this date free.

Home Rugger Results

London, Sept. 29.

Results of rugby matches played today were:

RUGBY LEAGUE

County Match

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Australian Cyclist To Take A Crack At World Sprint Records

Paris, Sept. 29
Australian cyclist Sidney Patterson said here today that he would ride on Milan's Vigorelli wooden track next Sunday, October 5, and possibly take a crack at the Italian-held flying start kilometre record.

Patterson, who clocked one minute 4.8 seconds over the flying kilometre of the Parc des Princes cement track here yesterday, made this statement before leaving Paris for Brussels.

Patterson's time yesterday was two-tenths of a second off the record set on the Milan track in 1938 by Italian F. Battistini: one minute 4.6 seconds.

Milan's track is reputed to be the fastest in the world. Patterson said that he would have a try at the record if the track suited him. In that case, he added, he would also be making an attempt on Reg Harris's 1949 standing start record of one minute 9.5 seconds over the

Charles To Fight Cesar Brion

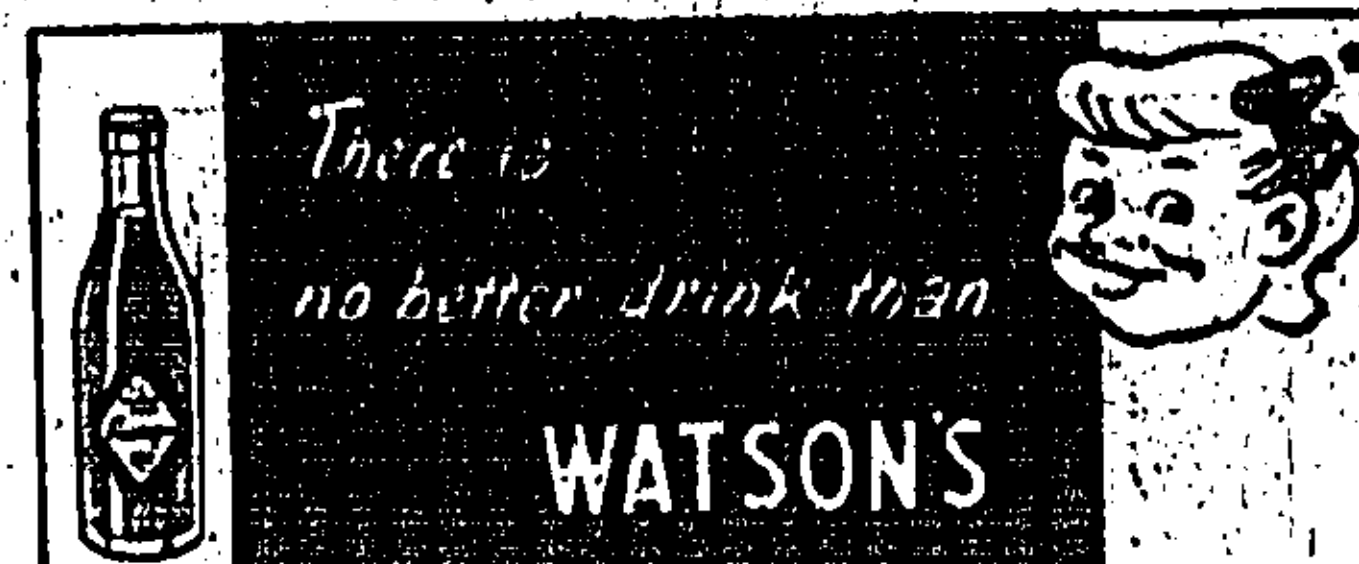
New York, Sept. 29.
The former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Ezzard Charles, is to fight the Argentinian, Cesar Brion, the International Boxing Club announced here tonight. The two will meet at Madison Square Garden on October 24.—France Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

No More Alone

THERE was about Angela that air of patient toleration that is possessed by people who are often born-teachers of the young. She was a rather pretty girl, with grey-blue eyes and unruly fair hair, which she wore cut very short; and you would have said you could read most of her history in her face, in her attitude, in the clothes she wore and the way she wore them.

From the sensible tweed skirt and the gay orange windcheater, you would suppose she found most of her pleasure in the open-air and her fresh complexion seconded the supposition. The expressions that flickered, one after another, across her face were suggestive of intelligence and a sense of humour.

Such problems as came her way you would guess, would be of the order of wondering whether this girl or that would win her scholarship, or worrying over spinning out the salary to last through the holidays; or debating the answer to a young man's proposal of marriage.

ANGELA is, indeed, a teacher. To the extent that she likes to teach a bicycle, she is an out-of-door girl. And she is pursued by a problem, but to judge from the effects that the pursuit has upon her, it is one more grave and more lonely and more hopeless than any about which she might be supposed to bother her pretty head.

Angela was brought to Bow Street the other day and charged with being drunk in charge of her bicycle. She pleaded guilty before Mr. R. H. Blundell, who glanced at her in some surprise, for Angela looks the kind of girl who would not drink at all except perhaps for convention's sake to sip a glass of something on occasions of importance such as her 21st birthday party.

A policeman told the magistrate of watching Angela several times try without success to mount her rather bicycle somewhere in Central London.

"Would you like to ask any questions?" Mr. Blundell asked the girl.

"I'm always being picked up for being drunk," Angela said. "I don't know if it is because I am accusing anyone of persecuting me, but as if she quite exasperated herself by this propensity she had lately acquired. In such a voice might someone at the sink say, as another cup crashed to the floor: 'I'm always dropping things these days.'"

ANGELA said to the magistrate: "I've been rather a nuisance to the police lately. I've not been able to eat very much and I do drink rather more than I used to. Some of these plans I've been taking have been beneficial to me, and some not. I never know until afterwards what the results will be."

"Do you work?" the magistrate asked her.

"I'm unemployed at the moment. I was a school-teacher."

"I think," said Mr. Blundell, "you'd better have a talk with Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, because she's a sensible person, and she may be able to give you some good advice."

"Yes, I think, perhaps some mental treatment," Angela said, rather vaguely.

THEY showed her out, and later she was brought back, and on Miss Hamilton's recommendation, remanded so that doctors might examine her. She went as if well contented; doctors might be able to bar the door to the black despair for which drink had seemed to her the only antidote. She went off smiling, this pretty girl for whom, you would have said, life could hold no very serious problems.

SECRET MILITARY TALKS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA Australia, New Zealand To Take Part

Washington, Sept. 29. Authoritative sources said today that Australia and New Zealand would take part in highly secret military talks on Southeast Asia which will take place in the National Defence Department here early next month.

The sources pointed out that this would be the first time that Australia and New Zealand join officially with the United States, Britain and France in talks on South-east Asian defence. They also considered that these talks would be of greater interest and importance to the defence of Australia and New Zealand than the recent talks of the ANZUS military committee in Honolulu.

REVENUE UP: LOSSES BIGGER

BEA Annual Report

London, Sept. 29. The state-owned British European Airways covering Britain, continental Europe, the Near and Middle East, today announced a net loss for the year ended last March of £1,423,611, nearly £500,000 more than the previous year.

The corporation's annual report showed that BEA carried more than one million passengers for the first time for any airline outside the United States and increased the number of miles flown by 20 per cent.

The report stated that BEA aircraft carried 1,135,579 passengers more than 23 million miles.

The total revenue earned was £10,817,700, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year.

The report complained that the corporation received a lower rate of first class mail pay than other international airlines.

"Obviously the time is ripe for a review of all rates of mail pay in line with the development of the technique of air transport," the report stated.

SPIRALLING COSTS

The Chairman of BEA, Lord Douglas, at a Press conference here today, attributed the increased deficit largely to spiralling costs and one year's delay in the introduction of the BEA's 40 47-passenger Elizabethan class aircraft.

In addition, an industrial dispute at the peak summer period cost BEA an estimated £150,000. Increased petrol costs and the £25 currency limit on British tourists had hit them still further, he added.

Asked if by 1950 the corporation would be a profitable undertaking, Lord Douglas replied: "I should say it will be a good deal sooner than that."

Lord Douglas said that in August this year the corporation made a gross profit of £250,000. "That is the biggest we have ever made and is about £100,000 more than in the same month last year," he said.

Churchill Going To Balmoral

London, Sept. 29. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, will fly to Balmoral on Wednesday to stay with Queen Elizabeth for two days. It was authoritatively stated tonight.

Mr. Churchill's visit is the reason why two cabinet meetings this week are being held on successive days — Tuesday and Wednesday.

They said that, from the strategic viewpoint, Southeast Asia constituted the first line of defence of Australia and New Zealand, whereas the ANZUS strategic area could be described as the second line of defence.

"It stressed that every effort was being made to keep this conference secret and so far the National Defence Department will not even admit such a conference will take place, although officials of other countries have told the United Press there will be a conference."

CHIEF SUBJECT

They said Indo-China would be the chief subject under discussion and the conference may make highly secret recommendations to the five governments as to what forces should be contributed by each in the event of Chinese Communist attacks on Indo-China. They recalled that the fighting season in Indo-China begins in about a month's time, consequently holding of the conference in the first week of October here may in itself prove a highly salutary warning to Communist China.

The sources added that the British and French delegates were expected to ask that a permanent military committee of the five nations be set up, possibly in Paris, to canalise all military information on Southeast Asia to the governments concerned and to make recommendations from time to time.

They said the situation in Malaya would also be discussed, but they could not say whether possible Chinese Communist intentions as regards Siam and Burma would also be reviewed, but they point out that defence of Southeast Asia cannot be treated in airight compartments.

**BEVAN WINS
CHEERS**

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vatives without further compensation.

The resolution urged that the Government should then appropriate the profits made by the industries during the period they were freed from state ownership.

Left-wing elements angrily resisted the suggestion from the platform that this resolution should be dropped in favour of a more moderate action by the Transport and General Workers Union.

The left-wing resolution was defeated by 2,388,000 votes to 1,652,000 votes.

The Transport and General Workers motion, which was a straight demand that renationalisation should be on terms preventing private owners from profiting at the nation's expense, was unanimously adopted.

Radio Hongkong

R.H.T. Programme Summary: 6.01. "Melody Time" with Ambrose and his Orchestra; 6.30. Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and Mr. K. Lee; 6.45. Piano introduction by Julius Katchen; 7.00. Orchestra Selection; 7.30. "Down Memory Lane" presented by Allen Wood; 7.45. Weather Report; 8.00. Time Signal; World News and News Talk (London Relay); 8.15. "Box 200" Best Gossip at the Radio; 8.30. Forces Favourite (London Relay); 9.00. Studio Melodrama-The Melchior Orchestra conducted by George Melchior; 9.30. Musical Notebook—presented by the Peter Knight Singers; 10.00. "Box 200" Best Gossip at the Radio; 10.15. A Short Recital by Ada Alston (Soprano) with the Boys' Choir; 10.30. The Prospect Before Us (William Boyce); 10.45. Sadler's Wells Orchestra, conducted by Constant Lambert; 11.00. "Box 200" Best Gossip at the Radio; 11.15. Weather Report; 11.30. Goodnight Music; 11.45. Bye Bye the Queen; 11.50. Close Down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's been mowing lawns and hoeing gardens all summer—not even time to make up my mind who to support for President!"

Forces Prepare For Major Action In Indo-China

Hanoi, Sept. 30. The war in Indo-China is expected to explode into full-scale battle again by mid-October. There's no doubt that both the French Union forces and the Communist-led Vietminh are getting ready for major action.

Outside the rim of the main French defence bulwark — the Red river delta in northern Indo-China — the troops of Ho Chi-minh have been regrouping and storing up war equipment and supplies, much of which has been received from Communist China.

In the delta, French striking power is steadily being boosted by vast quantities of war aid from the United States.

The heavy tropical rains that have lashed Indo-China since the end of June are expected to end in early October. That means the weather once again will be favourable for big-scale fighting.

Meantime the Vietminh seem to be laying the groundwork for an assault into French positions. They're blowing up all bridges on key highway routes used by the French forces. They've planted scores and scores of mines along vital lines of French communications.

NOT WORRIED

During the heavy rains, the Vietminh have been specialising in attacking isolated French fortified posts and ambushing French Union troops. They put on a big attack along the coast in central Vietnam that required considerable French power to repulse.

On the French side, no one appears to be worried about a big Vietminh offensive. The French would welcome it if it is a "big push" to throw the bulk of his five or six divisions outside the delta into a big push.

With their superior armaments, the French might deliver a decisive blow, something they have been unable to do thus far in this six-year-long conflict. The Vietminh units usually retreat into the mountains and hills rather than slug it out with the French. — Associated Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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30-Mile Long Ship Canal For Calcutta Envisaged

Calcutta, Sept. 30. Indian engineers are studying the possibility of building a 30-mile-long ship canal to keep open Calcutta port in the face of increasing anxiety over the silting up of the Hooghly river.

Shipping circles here have become more than ever worried over the past few years at the deteriorating conditions on the 120-mile stretch of the Hooghly between Calcutta and the sea, which are hampering the passage of deep-draught vessels and threatening to deprive Calcutta of its position as the foremost port in the East.

Because of the perpetual silting up of the sandbars across the shallow channels, some ships are having to leave Calcutta without a full load or to reduce their draught. They pick up the remainder of their cargo or coal at Vizagapatnam on the east coast of India.

Indian shipping officials also report an acute shortage of experienced pilots which sometimes causes ships to waste two or three valuable days waiting for a pilot to escort them up the river.

To meet the silting threat to the port, engineers at the Government research station at Poona in South India have been trying out experiments with a model of the Hooghly over the past year to study the practicability of by-passing the most treacherous reaches of the river with a 30-mile canal from Diamond Harbour, near the estuary, to the Kidderpore docks in Calcutta.

DREADED STRETCH

Alternative schemes are also being tried out with the model for improved dredging and training works on the river, particularly on the dreaded "James and Mary" stretch, 30 miles south of Calcutta, where the shallow channels cut across the Hooghly. Since the war, the dredgers have been too few, and too old, to deal satisfactorily with the struggle to keep the channels free.

The Hooghly problem is nothing new. Port authorities for a century and more have been grappling with the task of keeping clear the channels which wind through the shifting shoals and sandbanks of the Hooghly river and of providing sufficient pilots to bring ships safely through the hazards.

But navigation of the river has become more difficult than ever over the past few years for a variety of reasons.

During the war, silting accumulated as much of the dredging equipment was put on to expansion work in Calcutta. Since the war, the dredgers have been too few, and too old, to deal satisfactorily with the struggle to keep the channels free.

Two new dredgers, put into service earlier this year, are helping to meet the shortage.

Then there is dearth of pilots to steer the vessels up the river and of harbourmasters to berth them. The coming of independence to India saw the retirement or pensioning off of many of the British pilots and harbourmasters who used to work on the river.

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Living Language

Why we say Hallmark
A hallmark is a sign or mark of genuineness and takes its name from the official stamp affixed by the Goldsmiths' Company to manufactured articles of gold and silver as a guarantee of standard. The phrase in full should be Goldsmiths'-Hall mark.

Mail Notices

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Japan, 4.30 p.m. via P.A.C. Airway, Malaya, Ceylon, Pakistan, Bahrain, Great Britain, Europe, 4.30 p.m. B.O.A.C.

By Surface
Macao, 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. as Tai Loy/Tak Shing.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 a.m. via P.A.C. Airway, Formosa, Japan, 2 p.m. C.A.T. Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. B.O.A.C.

By Surface
East Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C. 6 p.m. B.O.A.C. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), Canada, 4.30 p.m. H.K.A. (W.A. 300) (Tokyo only), 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. as Tai Loy/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Burma, India, 10 a.m. as Norway.

Formosa, 3 p.m. as Shanghai, U.S.A., Central & South America, 2 p.m. (Shanghai, 2 p.m. as Lexa Maersk).

Indonesia, 5 p.m. as Tjilatjap.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. (San Francisco), Noon, via P.A.C. Airway.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m. as Vietnam.

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m. C.P.A.

C.P.A. Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. Q.E.A.

Formosa, 3 p.m. C.A.T.

Macao, 3 p.m.; 6 p.m. as Tai Loy/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Bahru, 2 p.m. as Japan.

Japan, 5 p.m. as Bonnevill.

Philippines, Indonesia, 2 p.m. as Vibeke Maersk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 9 a.m. via C.P.A. Airway.

Formosa, Japan, 2 p.m. C.A.T. Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 4.30 p.m. H.K.A. (N.W.A. 1).

Glenn, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

Turkish Women Smugglers

Cyprus, Sept. 29. Three Turkish women who tried to smuggle into Cyprus a hoard of jewellery hidden in the bottom of three earthenware jars, under cement (topped with jam, fat and olive oil, were fined £102 sterling by a court here today.

The jewellery was worth £140 sterling.—Reuter.

New Zealand Warship Leaves

HMNZS Taupo, flying the paying-off pennant, left the Colony 10.30 a.m. today for home waters.

Under the command of Lieut. Cmdr K. A. Craddock-Hartopp, the frigate saw service in Korean waters for about a year under the United Nations Command.

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